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I am pleased to take this opportunity to write about my experience at the WGO Rabat Training Center. I initially heard about this center from colleague physicians from Rwanda who attended the course before I did. I was very impressed by the content of course as it includes both theoretical and practical sessions with great gastroenterology experts from different countries. Many interesting topics in gastroenterology and hepatology are discussed.

I was most interested in practical sessions on animal models and it was ever my first time to be trained in this manner. Since then I became more interested in endoscopy, and I have acquired motivation to keep improving my practical skills at home in Rwanda. I am now confident to do upper gastrointestinal endoscopies without supervision.

Attending this course enabled me to choose gastroenterology and hepatology as my future career in medicine, and has opened my mind to further training in gastroenterology. Thus far I have been able to attend the Pan Arabic conference on endoscopy and hepatology that took place in Cairo, Egypt in December 2019. I was also able to participate and present an ePoster on gastric cancer in Rwanda during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (Endo 2020) which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in March 2020.

The overall course at the Rabat Training Center was well organized and the context was optimal and interesting. The organizers might consider extending the duration of the course, since there is lots of interesting information in such a short period of time.

I would like to express my greatest appreciation to the Director of the Rabat Training Center, Professor Naima Amrani. She has been an outstanding and amazing mentor and an ideal role model to the many attendees of my cohort in the training course. I was also privileged to meet her again in Cairo, Egypt during the Pan Arabic conference on gastroenterology. There she was so happy to realize that I am progressing in gastroenterology field. She is really super humble and encouraging to young endoscopists!