**Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2018**

**Event Attended:** 20th European Testis Workshop, 23-27 May, 2016, Obidos, Portugal

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With support from the Society of Reproduction and Fertility, I was able to attend the 20th European Testis Workshop: *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology of the Testis* in Obidos, Portugal. This meeting brings together the international community of researchers in male reproductive health and fertility, providing a great opportunity to discuss new data and foster collaborations. The workshop delivered a fantastic programme, with symposia on *Endocrinology, Sex Determination and Development; Spermatogonial Stem Cells; Somatic Cells and Spermatogenesis; Meiosis, Genetics and Evolution; Lifestyle, Environment, Infection and Immunity* and *Fertility Threats and Preservation.*

During the workshop I gave a short presentation entitled ‘*Leukemia Inhibitory Factor Receptor is required in Sertoli Cells but not Germ Cells to Maintain Normal Spermatogenic Function in Mice’*. This was the first time I presented work on this project at a conference and it was really useful to get important feedback on the data from leading experts in the field of testis biology. Additionally, I was able to meet face-to-face with international colleagues who collaborated on the project to discuss the direction towards publication.

I would like to thank the Society for Reproduction and Fertility for its generous support. I am looking forward to the 21st European Testis Workshop in Spain 2020.