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I would like to thank the SRF for generously supporting my attendance to the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR), July 18th-21st 2019 in San Jose, California, USA. During the conference I was given the opportunity to present my data in the form of a poster presentation entitled 'Associations between plasma estradiol concentration, ovarian expression of *KI67*, *P53* and *PTGFR* mRNAs, and fetal size in the pig'. I benefited vastly from the feedback of other delegates who work in my field, and my discussions with them have influenced the direction of my research.

SSR was great conference to attend with a wide range of topics and species being covered in both the oral and poster presentations. A number of the parallel symposia and workshops were extremely relevant to my research, which enabled me to familiarise myself with some of the new and exciting research that is being carried out in the field, some of which I hope to bring back and implement in my group.

I also attended the Women in Reproductive Science (WINers) breakfast meeting where distinguished women in the SSR community discussed their experiences and provided guidance and advice about leadership.

My research benefitted enormously from being able to attend SSR and I wish to thank the SRF for awarding me this travel grant. It has provided me with the invaluable opportunity to broaden the scope of my knowledge in the field I work in, meet potential collaborators and enable me to communicate my research to a wide audience.