# SRF travel grant report

**Recipient: Shahriar Mowla**

**Position/institution: final year PhD student, IRDB, Imperial College London**

**Conference: 38th Annual EAU conference, European Association of Urology (EAU)**

**Date/location of the conference: March 1st-4th July, 2022, Amsterdam, the Netherlands**

**As part of my PhD research, I worked on microbiota of semen for male patients of women undergoing IVD treatments. Microbiome of the female reproductive tract is long understood to play a role in reproductive processes and successful embryo implantation following IVF treatment. The microbiota of the male, however, is not explored as extensively. The abstract I submitted was granted an oral presentation at the conference. My talk was entitled ‘Next generation sequencing analysis of the seminal microbiome in male partners of women with idiopathic recurrent pregnancy loss: results of a prospective study’. The conference itself was incredibly informative in fields of male infertility. Furthermore, emerging research on the impact of COVID-19 on male fertility was very insightful.**

**I’d like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to SRF for kindly sponsoring my attendance to the above-mentioned conference.**