

I wish to thank the Society for Reproduction and Fertility for their support which enabled me to attend ASRM 2022. The American Society of Reproductive Medicine 2022 Scientific Congress was held from the 22-26th October in Anaheim, California, and offered a fantastic programme across a broad range of clinical and scientific themes.

This meeting was the first in-person conference that I have been able to attend during my PhD due to the interruption of the Covid-19 pandemic which has had a significant impact on my ability to present my research externally. I also gained valuable opportunities to network with international colleagues and discuss my research interests.

I gave an oral presentation on Assisted Oocyte Activation as a treatment for recurrent low fertilisation and total fertilisation failure, including preliminary data from my proposed screening tool. While I was a little nervous, I was also excited as this was my first big opportunity to present my work externally. I was very happy to hear that my supervisors had been contacted by several members of my audience to compliment my talk and am incredibly flattered that the work has been so well received. Due to my presentation at ASRM, we have also been contacted by several teams who wish to collaborate and take our research to an international level. Finally, my abstract was selected as the winner of the Society for Male Reproduction and Urology (SMRU) Prize Paper award. I was presented this at the SMRU dinner by Dr Kathleen Hwang, SMRU Secretary/Treasurer and Dr Philip Li, current SMRU President.

This was an incredible international honour for myself and my team at the RMRG in the School of Medicine and would not have been possible without the support of the SRF. Once again, I would like to extend huge gratitude to the SRF for enabling my attendance at this fantastic meeting.