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Re: ASCEPT International Travel Award Report

I would like to thank the ASCEPT for the International Travel Award which allowed me to attend and present my work at the 9th Congress of the European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT) in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 12-15th July, 2009.

The conference scientific program was excellent. The meeting covered a broad spectrum of clinical pharmacology, basic science and education programmes. The highlights of the conference included plenary lectures presented by eminent clinical pharmacologists including Professor Sir Colin Dollery, Professor Garret Fitzgerald, Professor Patrick Vallance and Professor Alastair Wood. The plenary lecture by Professor Sir Colin Dollery on the past, present and future of the clinical pharmacology was very enlightening. Another highlight was two sessions on the optimising pharmacotherapy for an ageing population. These sessions were particularly helpful for me as my current research is on optimising prescribing for older people. I was able to obtain ideas for current and future studies, and listen to leading international experts in geriatric clinical pharmacology.

Plenary poster and prize award sessions were held each day as part of the conference programme. These sessions provided a good opportunity to hear about work being undertaken by attendees, and to interact with researchers with similar research interests. The meeting also provided an excellent opportunity for me to present my PhD work, and promote my research unit and institutions to an international audience of pharmacologists. My poster presentation attracted great interest amongst attendees. I was able to discuss my current study with other attendees, gain better understanding with respect to presentation of findings, and obtain helpful inputs which I might incorporate for future studies.

I also have enjoyed Scotland's beautiful scenery. The welcome reception took place in the Edinburgh Castle with magnificent views of the city. The congress dinner was held at 'Our Dynamic Earth' which overlooks the Queen's official Scottish residence. I am very thankful to ASCEPT for providing me with an International Travel Award to attend the EACPT scientific meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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