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Many Thanks for awarding me the International Exchange Programme Grant. I have used this fund to support my visit to 2 large USA liver transplant centres with the aim to increase my knowledge and build my confidence as a new consultant in Paediatric Hepatology.

I have visited Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and Lurie's children hospital in Chicago hosted by Dr Kathleen Schwarz and Dr Estella Alonso respectively from 4<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

During my visit, I took part in the ward rounds, attended the outpatient clinics, joined in patient reviews, transplantation meetings, histology meetings and teaching sessions.

Overall, this visit was very useful to help me understand how different units manage their transplant programmes. It was an excellent opportunity for networking and potential collaborative work with those centres. It certainly has helped me build up my understanding and confidence in the area of paediatric Hepatology.

I have had the opportunity to take part in discussing interesting cases with the team: (Anti BSEP antibodies developing post-transplant, Neonatal liver failure with liver and lung cysts, IgG4 cholangiopathy, Liver disease post Fontan's procedure). All cases have stimulated very interesting discussions and literature search.

There is a variation among different centres in post-transplant immune suppression protocols and CMV prophylaxis protocols. This again has stimulated discussions on evidence based and each unit's experience in this area and has encouraged me to start audits in our unit.

I have also learnt how they manage their living related transplant programme and their experience.

Finally, I had the opportunity to discuss a complex case under my care with colleagues from both centres and had useful advice regarding possible management options.

The grant was used to cover my travel and accommodation expenses.

I would like to thank the ESPGHAN committee for their support and giving me this great opportunity which will help me in my career as a paediatric Hepatologist.

Regards

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