Dear ASC Travel Grant Committee,

Thank you for the consideration of my application for the International Research Travel Award to deliver an oral presentation at the 14th Annual ASC in 2019.

As the first author on this paper, I have been at the centre of this study, which forms part of my PhD on Oestrogen in Oesophageal Cancer. Our research group and others have demonstrated the selective oestrogen receptor modulator, Tamoxifen, inhibits oesophageal cancer cell proliferation *in-vitro.* This is the first pilot study of Tamoxifen in patients with oesophageal cancer, with the aim to design a further clinical trial. I have been responsible for every aspect of the pilot study, under the supervision of Dr Syed Iftikhar (Consultant General and Oesophagastric surgeon, Royal Derby Hospital, UK) and Dr Raheela Khan (Professor of Cellular Physiology, University of Nottingham, UK). I generated the idea, designed the protocol, obtained ethical approval and was exclusively responsible for recruitment, obtaining the specimens and analysis of results.

The opportunity to present my work at the ASC in Houston will facilitate discussion with research leaders, enabling me to development of my ideas and improve my future scientific approach. Attendance at the conference will also expose me to the latest advancements in research, with the opportunity to network and share ideas.

I’m unable to support the cost of international travel and neither is my institution and therefore my presence will only be made financially possible with the receipt of this generous aid. I sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Antonella De Rosa