



### Grant recipient

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### Grant details

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		GRANT AMOUNT	\$40,000
GRANT REFERENCE			

## Final report

### 1. Report for the Scientific Assessing Committee

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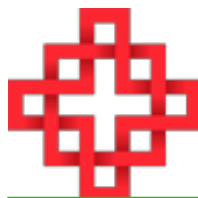
### 2. Brief summary

I was very grateful to be the recipient of a Canterbury Medical Research Foundation Clinical Research Training Fellowship in Paediatrics. As a result of the CMRF fellowship funding, I was able to complete my DPhil in Paediatrics from the University of Oxford, whilst also working part time as a paediatric registrar at Christchurch Hospital to finish my specialist clinical training in general paediatrics. My DPhil thesis is about childhood meningitis and is based on a UK-wide multicentre clinical study. The purpose of the study is to improve the care of children with bacterial and viral meningitis, or suspected meningitis. During the study, we recruited 3003 children across the UK who were admitted to hospital with suspected meningitis and collected clinical data, research samples and information about outcomes until 18 months following hospital discharge. Of the children recruited, 30% had meningitis. Following meningitis, sequelae and lower quality of life scores occurred most frequently following bacterial meningitis. However, some children with viral meningitis had sequelae including concern about hearing loss and some lower quality of life scores until 18 months following discharge.

Picture taken at Oxford graduation 2018.  
Second photo with my children/ family for interest.

### 3. Photographs

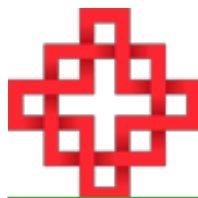
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#### 4. Feedback

I was very grateful for this funding as it was challenging to complete a DPhil from an overseas university along with clinical training (FRACP), particularly with four children.