

# FATMA BETUL DINCASLAN

Looking for post-doc opportunities in computational biology and bioinformatics for 2024.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-  
2023

### ● **NUS Research Scholar (Currently)**

Biomedical Engineering, NUS (Supervisor: Lih Feng CHEOW)

📍 Singapore

- Development of single cell high throughput assays/protocols for 1) total RNA sequencing and 2) multiomics profiling of secreting cells.

2016  
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2019

### ● **Master Student**

MBG, Bilkent University (Supervisor: Ozlen KONU) 📍 Ankara, Turkey

**Tissue Specific Transcriptome of Zebrafish in AChE Mutant Embryos**

- I analyzed tissue specificity (TS) of zebrafish, considering the dynamicity of gene expression, by using specific metrics such as Tau, Tsi. I compared the outcome of different normalization methods on TS discovery as well. Then I applied the TS analysis on publicly available mutant zebrafish embryos datasets. I performed qPCRs for in vivo confirmations after isolating the RNAs. I further investigated the relationship between ache and the retinal genes by using the tools like Gene Ontology (GO).

#### **Role of AChE as a tumor suppressor together with p53**

- My role was to bred appropriate zebrafish lines, dissect, genotype the fish tissues and embed them in OCT.

#### **Identification of periodontitis disease related genes (collaboration w/Dentistry Department of Ankara University)**

- I assisted the dentistry students.

#### **Role of mineralocorticoid receptor in breast cancer**

- My roles in the wet lab part were RNA isolation and qPCR; for the dry lab, making a pipeline with Seven Bridges CGC and available R packages for RNA-Seq data analysis, and data visualization.

## TEACHING AND ASSISTANSHIPS

2017 -  
present

### ● **Mentor, Bilkent and NUS**

Have been mentoring different undergrad students since grad school.

📍 Earth

2020  
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2022

### ● **BN2301 Fundamental Biochemistry and Biomaterials for Bioengineers, NUS**

Teaching Assistant

📍 Singapore



## CONTACT INFO

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For more information, please contact me via email.

## SKILLS

NGS data analysis (previous: bulk, recent: single).

Common bioinformatics tools such as NCBI, Blast, UCSC Genome Browser, Ensembl, Expression Atlas, Primer Design tools, STRING, GO/Panther, and cloud such as Seven Bridges Cancer Genomics Cloud. Currently improving Ubuntu skills to use HPC/Server systems.

Skilled in R.

Wetlab basics such as rna-dna isolation, qPCR, cell culture. Model organisms: zebrafish. Currently practicing sequencing.

- 2017  
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2018
  - MBG326 Introduction to Bioinformatics, Bilkent University**  
 Teaching assistant for introduction to bioinformatics and R programming  
 📍 Ankara, Turkey
- 2018
  - MBG302 Molecular Biology of The Cell-II, Bilkent University**  
 Teaching assistant for the cell culture experiments from cell opening, passaging to scratch assay, kinase inhibition and crystal violet assays.  
 📍 Ankara, Turkey
- 2017
  - MBG223 Molecular Genetics, Bilkent University**  
 Teaching assistant for molecular cloning experiments from plasmid editing, restriction enzyme digestion, and ligation to miniprep.  
 📍 Ankara, Turkey



## EDUCATION

- 2019  
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2023
  - PhD Student, Biomedical Engineering**  
 I am currently working on two different projects regarding the single cell sequencing and its application on microfluidics systems  
 📍 NUS, Singapore
- 2017  
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2019
  - M.Sc., Molecular Biology and Genetics**  
 Thesis: Tissue Specific Transcriptome of Zebrafish in AChE Mutant Embryos  
 📍 Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
- 2011  
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2016
  - B.Sc., Molecular Biology and Genetics**  
 (First year is English Prep School) 📍 Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey



## AWARDS AND HONOUR

- 2019  
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2023
  - NUS Research Scholarship**  
 NUS Biomedical Engineering 📍 Singapore
- 2022
  - eLife Ambassador**  
 Trainee of "learning and community-building" 📍 Earth
- 2019
  - Graduated with High Honour for MSc Degree**  
 Bilkent University Molecular Biology and Genetics 📍 Ankara, Turkey
- 2020 - present
  - ISCB Student Council Active Member**  
 Virtual seminars (webinar) team 📍 World
- 2018 - present
  - ISCB-RSG Student Council Turkey**  
 Previously social media and website content team, now Med&Omics 📍 Turkey
- 2016
  - Graduated with Honour for BSc Degree**  
 Bilkent University Molecular Biology and Genetics 📍 Ankara, Turkey
- 2011-2016
  - Comprehensive Scholarship**  
 Awarded by Bilkent University 📍 Ankara, Turkey



## OTHER INTERESTS



- Sports: Playing Basketball and Chess, Running
- Art: Charcoal
- Other: Data science, statistics shared by Conrad Hacketts, World Economic Forum, Economics and Forbes Magazine.



## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND POSTERS

- Lessons from a ten-year-long journey: building a student-driven computational biology society across Turkey

Yasin Kaya, Tülay Karakulak, Cemil Can Saylan, E. Ravza Gür, Engin Tatlıdıl, Sevilay Güleşen, **Fatma Betül Dinçaslan**, Handan Melike Dönertaş

F1000Research, DOI: 10.12688/f1000research.107886.1

- Functional analysis of co-expression networks of zebrafish *ace2* reveals enrichment of pathways associated with development and disease

Ayşe Gökçe Keskus, Melike Tombaz, Burcin İrem Arıcı, **Fatma Betül Dincaslan**, Afshan Nabi, Huma Shehwana, and Ozlen Konu

Genome, DOI: 10.1139/gen-2021-0033

- A pipeline for examination of tissue-specificity of differentially expressed genes in zebrafish mutants: Application to AChE mutants

**Fatma B. Dincaslan**, Afshan Nabi, M. Efe Isilak, Ayşe G. Keskus, M. Ender Avci, Michelle M. Adams, Ozlen Konu

Poster for International Symposium on Health Informatics and Bioinformatics (HIBIT) (2018, Antalya, Turkey)