



# Ege Ulgen

## MD, PhD

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## About me

MD-PhD professional in bioinformatics with a medical degree from Acibadem University in 2015, postdoctoral experience at Yale University in 2016, followed by a PhD in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics in 2022. Currently a Bioinformatics Engineer at Genomics England, where I focus on creating and enhancing software for the cancer genomic medicine service.

## Education

- 2016-2022 Ph.D., Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Acibadem University
- 2009-2015 M.D., summa cum laude Acibadem University

## Experience

- 2023- Bioinformatics Engineer Developing features for and maintaining software for the cancer genomic medicine service. Genomics England
- 2021-2023 Lecturer Worked as a lecturer for the undergrad and grad courses on biostatistics and bioinformatics topics. Acibadem University
- 2018-2023 Bioinformatics Specialist Worked on developing and maintaining multiple whole exome sequencing-based analysis pipelines (cancer and rare disease applications) for the Istanbul-based medical diagnostics company. Epigenetiks
- 2016 Postdoctoral Associate Briefly worked as a post-doc associate at the Gunel Lab, Yale School of Medicine, where I had previously done multiple internships between 2011-2014. Research in neurogenetics, particularly malformations of cortical development and brain tumours, performing functional in-vitro analyses to investigate the effect of a SNP in the pathogenesis of gliomas. Yale University
- 2015-2023 Bioinformatics Consultant Developed and maintained the Whole Exome Sequencing pipeline for the local medical diagnostics company based in Istanbul-Turkey. The pipeline allows for the identification of clinically-relevant genomics findings in brain tumours, especially regarding gliomas. NeuroOncology Technologies
- 2012- Research Group Member Participate in research on brain tumours, particularly on gliomas. I assist in biostatistical as well as bioinformatics analyses, focusing on the integration of molecular biological and clinical data to improve diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of glioma. ACU Brain tumour Research Group

## Skills

### Programming

- Python
- R
- bash

### Development

- git
- docker
- GitLab CI/CD
- GitHub Actions

### Workflow Management

- nextflow
- snakemake

## Strengths

- Curiosity Proactively seeks innovative solutions.
- Time Management Effectively prioritizes tasks, ensuring timely completion of milestones.
- Quick Learner Adapts to new challenges swiftly.

## Software

2.3.0	pathfindR. Enrichment Analysis Utilizing Active Subnetworks
1.0.1	PANACEA. Personalized Network-Based Anti-Cancer Therapy Evaluation
0.4.1	driveR. Prioritizing Cancer Driver Genes Using Genomics Data
2.0.0	pathfindR.data. Data Package for 'pathfindR'

## Certification

2016	Certificate in Machine Learning. Grade: 94.8% – <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/7QETTCDWXHP">coursera.org/verify/7QETTCDWXHP</a>
2018	Certificate in Finding Hidden Messages in DNA (Bioinformatics I) (with Honors). Grade: 96.0% – <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/B5Y2QZ4AWTCL">coursera.org/verify/B5Y2QZ4AWTCL</a>
2019	Certificate in Genome Sequencing (Bioinformatics II) (with Honors). Grade: 99.0% – <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/242DMGMNGFXA">coursera.org/verify/242DMGMNGFXA</a>
2019	Certificate in Comparing Genes, Proteins, and Genomes (Bioinformatics III) (with Honors). Grade: 100% – <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/N3B77QC9N7V6">coursera.org/verify/N3B77QC9N7V6</a>
2019	Certificate in Molecular Evolution (Bioinformatics IV) (with Honors). Grade: 100% – <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/TM3MWQPRPS47">coursera.org/verify/TM3MWQPRPS47</a>
2019	Certificate in Genomic Data Science and Clustering (Bioinformatics V) (with Honors). Grade: 94.0% – <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/AGX8F2V8PU3G">coursera.org/verify/AGX8F2V8PU3G</a>
2019	Certificate in Bioinformatics Capstone: Big Data in Biology. Grade: 100% – <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/9AKDLPVN9M2U">coursera.org/verify/9AKDLPVN9M2U</a>
2019	Certificate in Bioinformatics Specialization. <a href="https://coursera.org/verify/35KWGTCVTJX8">coursera.org/verify/35KWGTCVTJX8</a>

## Publications

1. Kaya, D., Ülgen, E., Kocagöz, A., & Sezerman, O. (2023). A comparison of various feature extraction and machine learning methods for antimicrobial resistance prediction in streptococcus pneumoniae. *Frontiers in Antibiotics*.
2. Ülgen, E., Ozisik, O., & Sezerman, O. (2023). PANACEA: Network-based methods for pharmacotherapy prioritization in personalized oncology. *Bioinformatics*.
3. Levi, C., Uçal, Y., Planchon, S., Ülgen, E., Kumru, P., Ulutaş, P., Sezerman, U., & .... (2023). Proteome analysis of human and goat colostrum: A closer look at whey fractions. *Acibadem Saglik Bilimleri Dergisi*.
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7. Yousef, M., Ülgen, E., & Sezerman, O. (2021). CogNet: Classification of gene expression data based on ranked active-subnetwork-oriented KEGG pathway enrichment analysis. *PeerJ Computer Science*.
8. Ülgen, E., & Sezerman, O. (2021). driveR: A novel method for prioritizing cancer driver genes using somatic genomics data. *BMC Bioinformatics*.
9. Albayrak, İ., Azhari, F., Çolak, E., Balci, B., Ülgen, E., Sezerman, U., Baştu, E., & .... (2021). Endometrial gene expression profiling of recurrent implantation failure after in vitro fertilization. *Molecular Biology Reports*.
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12. Everest, E., Ülgen, E., Uygunoglu, U., Tutuncu, M., Saip, S., Sezerman, O., & .... (2021). Investigation of multiple sclerosis-related pathways through the integration of genomic and proteomic data. *PeerJ*.
13. Keleş, I., Ülgen, E., Erkan, M., Çelik, S., Aydın, Y., Önem, A., Kandemir, H., & .... (2020). Comparison of endometrial prostanoid profiles in three infertile subgroups: The missing part of receptivity? *Fertility and Sterility*.
14. Ülgen, E., Karacan, S., Gerlevik, U., Can, Ö., Bilguvar, K., Oktay, Y., Akyerli, C. B., & .... (2020). Mutations and copy number alterations in IDH wild-type glioblastomas are shaped by different oncogenic mechanisms. *Biomedicines*.
15. Ozduman, K., Ulgen, E., Karacan, S., Gerlevik, U., Can, O., Bilguvar, K., & .... (2020). Mutations and copy number alterations in diffuse gliomas are shaped by different mechanisms. *European Journal of Cancer*.
16. Ulgen, E., Ozisik, O., & Sezerman, O. (2019). pathfindR: An r package for comprehensive identification of enriched pathways in omics data through active subnetworks. *Frontiers in Genetics*.
17. Bastu, E., Demiral, I., Gunel, T., Ulgen, E., Gumusoglu, E., Hosseini, M., & .... (2019). Potential marker pathways in the endometrium that may cause recurrent implantation failure. *Reproductive Sciences*.
18. Ülgen, E., Bektaşoğlu, P., Sav, M., Can, Ö., Danyeli, A., Hızal, D., Pamir, M., & .... (2019). Meningiomas display a specific immunoexpression pattern in a rostrocaudal gradient: An analysis of 366 patients. *World Neurosurgery*.
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22. Akyerli, C., Yüksel, Ş., Can, Ö., Erson-Omay, E., Oktay, Y., Coşgun, E., & .... (2018). Use of telomerase promoter mutations to mark specific molecular subsets with reciprocal clinical behavior in IDH mutant and IDH wild-type diffuse gliomas. *Journal of Neurosurgery*.
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28. Siva, A., Everest, E., Ülgen, E., Uygunoğlu, U., Tütüncü, M., Saip, S., & .... (2018). Identification of multiple sclerosis related pathways through genome-proteome correlations. *ACTRIMS Forum*.
29. Çağlayan, A., Sezer, R., Kaymakçalan, H., Ulgen, E., Yavuz, T., & .... (2017). ALPK3 gene mutation in a patient with congenital cardiomyopathy and dysmorphic features. *Molecular Case Studies*.
30. Ülgen, E., & Asar, Ö. (2017). Tekrarlı gözlem ve sağkalım verilerinin bileşik modellenmesi. *Türkiye Klinikleri Biyoistatistik*.

31. Demiral, I., Bastu, E., Gunel, T., Sezerman, U., Gumusoglu, E., Ulgen, E., & .... (2017). Endometrial gene expression in patients with recurrent implantation failure. *Fertility and Sterility*.
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