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## Current position

2014 – present      Ph.D. Student in Immunology/Hematology  
Laboratory of Prof. Satu Mustjoki, Hematology Research Unit Helsinki, University of Helsinki and Department of Hematology, Helsinki University Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center, Helsinki, Finland

## Education

2020      Licenciante of Medicine (M.D.)  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland

2013-present      M.D./Ph.D. Program  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland

## Professional experience

02/2020 – 06/2020      Specializing Physician (Laboratory Hematology)  
Department of Special Hematology, HUSLAB, Helsinki, Finland

01/2020 – 05/2020      General Practitioner  
City of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

06/2016 – 07/2016      Medical Doctor in Training  
Department of Oncology, Helsinki University Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center, Helsinki, Finland

07/2014 – 08/2014      Research Assistant (Rotation Student)  
Laboratory of Dr. Tyler Jacks, David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, United States

06/2013 – 05/2014      Research Assistant  
Laboratory of Dr. Kari Alitalo, Research Program for Translational Cancer Biology, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

07/2013 – 08/2013      Research Assistant (Rotation Student)  
Laboratory of Dr. Lauri Aaltonen, Research Program for Genome-Scale Biology and Medical Genetics, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

## Scientific awards

- American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting Abstract Achievement Awards 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019
- Biomedicum Helsinki Young Scientist award 2019

- University of Helsinki M.D. thesis prize (for Dufva et al. Nature Communications 2018)

## Selected oral conference presentations

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| 12/2018 | American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting & Exposition, San Diego, CA, USA<br><i>"Genome-scale CRISPR screens identify essential genes for sensitivity to natural killer cells in hematological malignancies"</i>                         |
| 06/2018 | YoungEHA Research Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden<br><i>"CRISPR/Cas9 functional screens of tumor immunogenicity"</i> (invited talk)  |
| 12/2015 | American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting & Exposition, Orlando, FL, USA<br><i>"Exome Sequencing of Aggressive Natural Killer Cell Leukemia and Drug Profiling Highlight Candidate Driver Pathways in Malignant Natural Killer Cells"</i> |

## Other professional experience

- Reviewer for journals including Blood Advances, Scientific Reports, Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology
- M.D./Ph.D. program executive board member 2019-2020
- Tutor for University of Helsinki M.D./Ph.D. program class of 2017

## Skills

### Molecular/cell biology

- CRISPR screens, small-molecule screens, flow cytometry, immune cell culture and assays

### Computational biology

- Analysis of RNA-seq, single-cell RNA-seq, CRISPR screening data
- Experienced in R programming, knowledge in Linux and Python

## Languages

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| • Finnish | native proficiency            |
| • English | full professional proficiency |
| • Swedish | full professional proficiency |
| • German  | working proficiency           |

## Selected publications

**Dufva, O.\***, Pölönen, P. \*, Brück, O., Keränen, M.A.I., Klievink, J., Mehtonen, J., Huuhtanen, J., Kumar, A., Malani, D., Siitonen, S., Kankainen, M., Ghimire, B., Lahtela, J., Mattila, P., Vähä-Koskela, M., Wennerberg, K., Granberg, K., Leivonen, S.-K., Meriranta, L., Heckman, C., Leppä, S., Nykter, M., Lohi, O., Heinäniemi, M., Mustjoki, S., 2020.

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**Dufva, O.**, Kankainen, M., Kelkka, T., Sekiguchi, N., Awad, S.A., Eldfors, S., Yadav, B., Kuusanmäki, H., Malani, D., Andersson, E.I., Pietarinen, P., Saikko, L., Kovanen, P.E., Ojala, T., Lee, D.A., Loughran, T.P., Nakazawa, H., Suzumiya, J., Suzuki, R., Ko, Y.H., Kim, W.S., Chuang, S.-S., Aittokallio, T., Chan, W.C., Ohshima, K., Ishida, F., Mustjoki, S., 2018. Aggressive natural killer-cell leukemia mutational landscape and drug profiling highlight JAK-STAT signaling as therapeutic target. **Nature Communications** 9, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-018-03987-2>

## Other publications

Adnan Awad, S., **Dufva, O.**, Ianevski, A., Ghimire, B., Koski, J., Maliniemi, P., Thomson, D., Schreiber, A., Heckman, C.A., Koskenvesa, P., Korhonen, M., Porkka, K., Branford, S., Aittokallio, T., Kankainen, M., Mustjoki, S., 2020. RUNX1 mutations in blast-phase chronic myeloid leukemia associate with distinct phenotypes, transcriptional profiles, and drug responses. **Leukemia** 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41375-020-01011-5>

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