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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC DEGREES

NIH Fogarty Postdoctoral Visiting/Research Fellow,

The Laboratory of Chemical Biology, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD., U.S.A.

Major: Molecular Biology and Genetics.

Ph.D., Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Major: Molecular Biology and Genetics (With Thesis).

M.S., Department of Biology, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Major: Biology (With Thesis).

B.S., Department of Biology, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Major: Biology.

SELECTED CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS, RESEARCH INTERESTS, AND RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Independently managed grants** as a PI and co-PI within Tgen, and at other academic institutions, including ASU, and Mayo Clinic, AZ, U.S.A.
- **Designed numerous academic curricula** and **worked with many faculty members** to ensure excellent programmatic outcomes.
- **Trained, and mentored** graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, interns and visiting scientists from national and international laboratories at NIH, Tgen, AZ, U.S.A., Turkey, amnd Cyprus.
- **Supervised** many undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students at NIH, Tgen, Bogazici University and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU).
- **Applied for grants** at institutions and private sectors including Susan G. Komen Foundation, Mayo Clinic, and Prostate Cancer Foundation etc. as a PI and co-PI with collaborators within Translational Genomics Reserach Institute (Tgen), and at other academic institutions, including

Arizona State University (ASU), and Mayo Clinic, AZ, U.S.A.

- **Served** as an international reviewer on peer-review panels, AZ, U.S.A., Turkey and Cyprus.
- **Leader**, the validation part of a **\$5M U.S.D.** project for RNAi high-throughput screening at Tgen, AZ, U.S.A.
- **Developed diagnostic assays** including micro RNAs (miRNAs)/gene signatures, utilizing patient samples such as blood, serum, and tissues to screen via proprietary techniques for the diagnosis of certain cancer types/genetic disorders at Tgen, AZ, U.S.A.
- **Developed diagnostic assays** based on amplification technology and application of high-throughput screening of beta-thalassemia mutations, using an electrochemical detection platform and glass microarray screening systems at NIH, MD, U.S.A.
- **Developed knock-out cloning models** of potential 5' flanking control regions of the epsilon (embryonic) globin gene utilizing Cre-Lox cloning system at NIH, MD, U.S.A.
- **Established a COVID-19 Screening lab from scratch**, in 2020 at the Famagusta, Cyprus State Hospital during the times when the resources were scarce all around the world and initiated fully-active screening regimens in as short as a 10-day preparation period.
- **Successful** as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) since 2001, and prepared numerous syllabi, and delivered many lectures on Molecular Biology and Genetics, Cell biology, and Biotechnology related subjects, MD, U.S.A.
- **Set up** nucleic acid-based research/diagnostic molecular biology laboratories at Bogazici University, Turkey, and Tgen, AZ, U.S.A.
- **Established** qPCR assays for the key cancer, globin gene regulation, cholesterol biosynthesis, and endometriosis related genes at Tgen.
- **Have a mission** as a scientific researcher/leader to utilize novel technologies to discover and validate links between gene states and disease phenotypes, and further use these links to identify druggable targets to be deployed as bio-signatures in the diagnosis of genetic diseases.
- **Active in** scientific research that involves protein, DNA and/or RNA-based novel technologies and population-based screening of rare genetic disorders.
- **Founder and Director, GenBiomics R&D**, at The Technopark of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta, Cyprus.
- **Helped establish**, the Infrastructure of the General and Molecular Genetics Laboratories at The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Department of Biological Sciences, Famagusta, Cyprus.
- **Founder and Mentor**, the EMU Students's Genetics Club, at The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta, Cyprus.
- **Delivered numerous Invited Sientific and Public Talks**, towards the "Awareness of Drug and Drug, and Drug and Disease Interactions", Europe, Turkey, and Cyprus.
- **Applied for grants** at the Turkish Scientific Council (**TUBITAK**), and other private sectors as a PI and co-PI with collaborators within Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Turkish Universities, and at other academic/government institutions, Famagusta, Cyprus.
- **Organizer**, **Eight "International EMU Genetics Club Student Symposia, since 2015"**, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta, Cyprus.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

April 2019 – present	Vice Dean Faculty of Dentistry Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus.
March 2019 - present	Professor Faculty of Dentistry Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus.
March 2017- present	Founder, CEO/CSO GenBiomics Research & Development Eastern Mediterranean University, TeknoPark, GMTGB Building, Famagusta, Cyprus.
Nov. 2015 - January 2019	Director EMU, Ethics Committee Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus.
Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2023	Chairman EMU, Student Disciplinary Committee Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus.
Nov. 2012 - March 2019	Associate Professor Faculty Member, Molecular Biology and Genetics Program Department of Biological Sciences Faculty of Arts and Sciences Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus.
Feb. 2012 - Nov. 2012	Assistant Professor Faculty Member, Molecular Biology and Genetics Program Department of Biological Sciences Faculty of Arts and Sciences Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus.
2011 – 2012	Vice President AlphaGenics, Inc., “A Wellness Genetics Company” Gaithersburg, MD., U.S.A.
2009 – present	Adjunct Investigator The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), Scottsdale, AZ., U.S.A.
2008 – present	Adjunct Professor Arizona State University (ASU), The Department of Biomedical Informatics (BMI), The School of Computing and Informatics (SCI), Phoenix, AZ., U.S.A.

2001 – present	Adjunct Associate Professor University of Maryland University College, (UMUC), University Boulevard at Adelphi Road, College Park, MD., U.S.A.
2007 – present	Freelance Scientific Consultant U.S.A., Canada, Turkey, and Cyprus.
2002 – 2009	Investigator & Head, Molecular Genetics Laboratory , The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), Pharmaceutical Genomics Division, Gaithersburg, MD, and Scottsdale, AZ., U.S.A.
2001 – 2002	Senior Research Associate (Laboratory Manager) Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS), The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Bethesda, MD., U.S.A.
1996 – 2001	Fogarty Post-Doctoral Fellow/Research Fellow National Institutes of Health (NIH), The Laboratory of Chemical Biology (LCB) National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Molecular Biology and Genetics Bethesda, MD., U.S.A.
1990 – 1996	Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant Bogaziçi University, The Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Istanbul, Bebek-Turkey.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019 – 2023	Elected Professor Senator, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Senate Famagusta, Cyprus.
2019 – present	Vice Dean, Faculty of Dentistry Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta, Cyprus.
2017-2019	Turkish Institutes of Health (TUSEB), The Sole Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (T.R.N.C.) Scientific Committee Member (out of 30) , Ankara, Turkey.
2015-2019	Director, Ethics Committee , Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Famagusta, Cyprus.
2012-2015	Vice Director, Ethics Committee , Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Famagusta, Cyprus.

2005-2009

Department Chair, Molecular Biology and Genetics Department, Translational Genomics Research Institute (**TGen**), Arizona, A.B.D.

AFFILIATIONS

The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), U.S.A. **Adjunct Investigator**

Arizona State University (ASU), U.S.A. **Adjunct Professor**

University of Maryland University College (UMUC), U.S.A. **Adjunct Assoc. Professor**

M.S. AND PH.D. THESES SUPERVISED/CONSULTED (Ongoing and Completed)

M.S. Theses

1. Pasandideh R., "Spectral Studies on Intermolecular Interaction of Chiral Perylene Diimide with DNA", EMU, Famagusta, Cyprus, July, 2013.
2. Kılgoz H., "Molecular Approaches for Downregulating Heme-mediated Immune Response", Bilkent University/Eastern Meditarranen University Famagusta, Cyprus, August, 2018.
3. Rajab A. A., "Interactions of Novel Sets of Perylene Dianhydrides and a Diimide with G-Quadruplex Structures in Human DNA" Eastern Meditarranen University (EMU), Famagusta, Cyprus, July, 2018.
4. Özbil T., "Interactions of Novel Sets of Naphthalene Diimides with G-Quadruplex Structures in Human DNA" Eastern Meditarranen University (EMU), Famagusta, Cyprus, January 2019.

Ph.D. Theses

1. Çetin, İ. N., "Petri Net-Based Quantitative Modeling and Validation of p16-mediated Signaling Pathway" EMU, Famagusta, Cyprus, January 2016.
2. Mehraei, M., "Exploiting hybrid functional Petri nets to investigate transcriptional activity of Hemoglobin Switching" EMU, Famagusta, Cyprus, July 2016.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Arwa Abourajab, S. Melika Mostafanejad, Meltem Dinleyici, Basma Al-Khateeb, Imge Kunter, **Sukru Tuzmen** and Huriye Icil "Synthesis, characterization, anti-cancer evaluation, and DNA-binding study of new bay-substituted perylene derivatives" Journal of Biology and Medicine, (open access) 31-43, 2023.
2. Nimet İlke Akçay, Benedek Nagy, **Şükrü Tüzmen** "Reaction Systems for Modeling and Validation of Biological Signaling Pathways: G1/S Checkpoint of the Cell Cycle". Acta Polytechnica Hungarica (SCIE), 18 (6): 7-23, 2021.
3. **Sukru Tuzmen**, "RNAi-based personalized therapeutic strategies in Oral Cancers: How far have we come" Dentistry, Vol.11. Issue 7, 2021.
4. Mani Mehraei, Benedek Nagy, Nimet İlke Akçay, **Şükrü Tüzmen** "Potential Therapeutic Modalities of Reawakening Fetal Hemoglobin Simulated by Reaction Systems". Acta Polytechnica Hungarica (SCIE), 16 (3): 51-65, 2019.
5. **Şükrü Tüzmen**, Galen Hostetter, April Watanabe, Cumhur Ekmekçi, Patricia Carrigan, Ishaiah Shechter, Olli Kallioniemi, Laurence Miller, and Spyro Mousses "Characterization of Farnesyl Diphosphate Farnesyl Transferase 1 (FDFT1) Expression in Cancer". Personalized Medicine (SCIE), 16 (1): 19-35, 2019.
6. N. Aşan Baydemir, **Ş. Tüzmen** "Cave Ecosystems of Turkey and Northern Cyprus: A Hidden World for Bats". J. Int. Environmental Application & Science, Vol. 11(3): 255-262, 2016.
7. Mehraei M, Bashirov R, **Tüzmen Ş**, "Target-based drug discovery for Beta-globin disorders: drug target prediction using quantitative modeling with hybrid functional Petri nets". J Bioinform Comput Biol. (SCIE), 14 (5), 2016.
8. Nimet İlke Akçay Bashirov R, **Tüzmen Ş**, "Validation of Signalling Pathways: Case Study of the p16-Mediated Pathway". J Bioinform and Comput Biol. (SCIE), 13 (2), 2015.
9. Yalınca Z., Yılmaz E., Taneri B., Bullıci F., **Tuzmen S.** "Blood contact properties of ascorbyl chitosan". J Biomater Sci Polym Ed. (SCI), 24 (17): 1969-87 pp., 2013.
10. Aline Mamo, Luca Cavallone, **Sukru Tuzmen**, Catherine Chabot, Cristiano Ferrario, Saima Hassan, Henrik Edgren, Olli Kallioniemi, Olga Aleynikova, Ewa Przybytkowska, Kristin Malcolm, Spyro Mousses, Patricia N. Tonin and Mark Basik. "An integrated genomic approach identifies ARID1A as a candidate tumor suppressor gene in breast cancer". Oncogene (SCI), Vol. 31, 2090-2100 pp., 2012.
11. Sevtap Savas, David O. Azorsa, Hamdi Jarjanazi, Irada Ibrahim-Zada, Irma M. Gonzales, Shilpi Arora, Meredith C. Henderson, Yun Hee Choi, Laurent Briollais, Hilmi Ozcelik, and **Sukru Tuzmen**. "NCI60 Cancer Cell Line Panel Data and RNAi Analysis Help Identify EAF as a Modulator of Simvastatin and Lovastatin Response in HCT-116 Cells", PLoS ONE (SCIE), Vol. 6, No 4, e18306. 2011.

12. Yesim Gökmen-Polar, Mangesh A. Thorat, **Sukru Tuzmen**, Jamie B. Hadley, Kerry L. Sanders, Dmitry Turbin, Samuel Leung, David G. Huntsman, George W. Sledge, Jr., and Sunil Badve, "Differential subcellular expression of protein kinase C β II in breast cancer- correlation with breast cancer subtypes", Breast Cancer Research and Treatment (SCI), 124 (2): 327-35, 2010.
13. Z. Lacroix, C.R.L. Legendre, and **S. Tuzmen**, "Reasoning on Scientific Workflows", IEEE Computer Society (SCIE), Vol. 1, 306-313 pp., 2009.
14. Basu GD, Azorsa DO, Kiefer JA, Rojas AM, **Tuzmen S**, Barrett MT, Trent JM, Kallioniemi O, Mousses S, "Functional evidence implicating S100P in prostate cancer progression", Int J Cancer (SCI), Vol. 123, 330-339 pp., 2008.
15. Jarjanazi H, Kiefer J, Savas S, Briollais L, **Tuzmen S**, Pabalan N, Ibrahim-Zada I, Mousses S, Ozcelik H., "Discovery of genetic profiles impacting response to chemotherapy: application to gemcitabine", Hum Mutat. (SCI), Vol. 29, 461-467 pp., 2008.
16. Kuuselo R, Savinainen K, Azorsa DO, Basu GD, Karhu R, **Tuzmen S**, Mousses S, Kallioniemi A., "Intersex-like (IXL) is a cell survival regulator in pancreatic cancer with 19q13 amplification", Cancer Res (SCI), Vol. 67, 1943-1949 pp., 2007.
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18. **Tuzmen, S.**, Schechter, A. N., "Genetic diseases of hemoglobin: diagnostic methods for elucidating β -thalassemia mutations", Blood Reviews (SCI), Vol. 15 (1), 19-29 pp., 2001.
19. Tadmouri GO, **Tuzmen S**, Ozçelik H, Ozer A, Baig SM, Senga EB, Başak AN. , "Molecular and population genetic analyses of beta-thalassemia in Turkey." Am J Hematol. (SCI), Vol. 57, 215-220 pp., 1998.
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21. **Tuzmen S**, Basak AN, Baysal E., "Rare beta-thalassemia mutation IVS-II-848 (C-A) first reported in a Turkish Cypriot family." Am J Hematol. (SCI), Vol. 54, 338-339 pp., 1997.
22. Tadmouri GO, **Tuzmen S**, Başak AN., "Rare beta-thalassemia mutation in a Turkish patient: FSC-36/37 (-T)." Hum Biol. (SCI), Vol. 69, 263-267 pp., 1997.
23. **Tuzmen S**, Tadmouri GO, Ozer A, Baig SM, Ozçelik H, Başaran S, Başak AN., "Prenatal diagnosis of beta-thalassaemia and sickle cell anaemia in Turkey." Prenat Diagn. (SCI), Vol. 16, 252-258 pp., 1996.
24. Ozçelik H, Başak AN, **Tuzmen S**, Kirdar B, Akar N., "A novel deletion in a Turkish beta-thalassemia patient detected by DGGE and direct sequencing: FSC 22-24 (-7 bp).", Hemoglobin (SCIE), Vol. 17, 387-391 pp., 1993.

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2. Malak Rizk, **Şükrü Tüzmen** "Patisiran for the treatment of patients with familial amyloid polyneuropathy" Drugs of Today (SCIE), Clarivate Analytics, 55 (5): 1-13, 2019.
3. Malak Rizk, **Şükrü Tüzmen**, "Update on the clinical utility of an RNA interference-based treatment: focus on Patisiran" Pharmacogenomics Pers Med., (SCIE), DovePress, 10, 267-278, 2017.
4. **Şükrü Tüzmen**, Zulal Yalınca, "Bio-based Platforms for siRNA Delivery as Bio-therapeutics" Anadolu University Journal of Science and Technology C- Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Anadolu University, DOI: 10.18036/aubtdc.315579, 2017.
5. **Sukru Tuzmen**, "Quantitative Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction in Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation" Drug Discovery 2007, Genomics, Touch Briefings, 27 – 28, 2007.
6. **Tuzmen, S.**, Schechter, A. N., "Genetic diseases of hemoglobin: diagnostic methods for elucidating beta-thalassemia mutations" Blood Reviews (SCI), 15(1): 19 – 29, 2001.

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2. Hülya Şenol and **Şükrü Tüzmen**, "Global Focus and Interdisciplinary Approaches in COVID-19 Research and Their Outcomes", Chapter 5, COVID-19: From Bench to Bedside, First Edition, D. Bahr, K. Lundstrom, (Eds.) CRC Press: Taylor & Francis Group, March 2022.
3. Didem Rıfkı, Eymen Ü. Kılıç and **Şükrü Tüzmen**, "Convalescent Plasma and Antibody Therapy in COVID-19", Chapter 8, COVID-19: From Bench to Bedside, First Edition, D. Bahr, K. Lundstrom, (Eds.) CRC Press: Taylor & Francis Group, March 2022.
4. Candan Hizel Perry, Havva Ö. Kılgoz and **Şükrü Tüzmen**, "Clinical trials of COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines: history, current status, and limitations", Chapter 14, COVID-19: From Bench to Bedside, First Edition, D. Bahr, K. Lundstrom, (Eds.) CRC Press: Taylor & Francis Group, March 2022.
5. Zulal Yalınca, **Şükrü Tüzmen**, "Application for Biopolymeric Gels in Medical Biotechnology", Chap. 4, Bio Monomers for Green Polymeric Composite Materials, First Edition, P. M. Visakh, O. Bayraktar, and G. Menon, (Eds.) John Wiley & Sons Ltd, UK, 77-94, 2019.
6. Hızel C., **Tuzmen S.**, Amirfallah A., Çalibaşı Koçal G., Onat H., Yıldırım Y., Baskın Y. "Precision medicine in colorectal cancer" Chap. 4, D. D. Barh (Ed.)" Precision Medicine in Oncology", Taylor & Francis, 2019.

7. **Şükrü Tüzmen**, Yasemin Baskın, Ayşe Feyda Nursal, Serpil Eraslan, Yağmur Esemen, Gizem Çalıbaş, Ayşe Banu Demir, Duygu Abbasoğlu, Candan Hızel, "OMICS TECHNOLOGIES AND BIO-ENGINEERING: towards improving quality of life" Academic Press imprint: Elsevier, USA, 263-302, 2018.
8. Son A. Y., **Tüzmen S.**, Hizel C., Omics for Personalized Medicine, "Designing and Implementing Pharmacogenomics Study: Appropriateness and Validation of Pharmacogenomics" Chapter 6, Springer, 97-122, 2013.
9. **Tuzmen S.**, Tuzmen P., Arora S., Mousses S., Azorsa D., "RNAi-Based Functional Pharmacogenomics", Methods and Protocols, In: Methods in Molecular Biology, 1, vol. 700: *Disease Gene Identification, Part 4*, Johanna K. DiStefano Ed., Springer, New York, USA, 271-290, 2011.
10. Basak A.N., **Tuzmen S.**, "Genetic Predisposition to Beta-Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia in Turkey: A Molecular Diagnostic Approach", Methods and Protocols, In: Methods in Molecular Biology, 1, vol. 700: *Disease Gene Identification, Part 4*, Johanna K. DiStefano Ed., Springer, New York, USA, 291-307, 2011.
11. Carrigan P.E., Ballar P., **Tuzmen S.**, "Site-directed Mutagenesis", Methods and Protocols, In: Methods in Molecular Biology, 1, vol. 700: *Disease Gene Identification, Part 4*, Johanna K. DiStefano Ed., Springer, New York, USA, 107-124, 2011.
12. **Sukru Tuzmen**, Jeff Kiefer, and Spyro Mousses, "Validation of siRNA Knockdowns by Quantitative Real-Time PCR", Methods in Molecular Biology, In: Methods in Molecular Biology, vol. 353: *Protocols for Nucleic Acid Analysis by Non-radioactive Probes, Second Edition*, E. Hilario and J. Mackay Eds., Humana Press, Totowa, USA, 177-203, 2007.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

1. H. Ö. Eyüpoğlu, E. Eyüpoğlu, **Ş. Tüzmen**. "Exploring the miRNA-Mediated Regulation of ERO1L as a Potential Prognostic Biomarker in Cervical Cancer". European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG 2024), Berlin, Germany, 01-04 June 2024 (Hybrid-Poster Presentation).
2. H. Şenol, T. C. Kurt, S. Işıktaş, **Ş. Tüzmen***. "Investigation of depression and fatigue Levels of multiple sclerosis patients". European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG 2024), Berlin, Germany, 01-04 June 2024 (Poster Presentation).
3. **Şükrü Tüzmen**, "Molecular Diagnostics in Beta-Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia: Experience from Past to Present", 16th TIF International Conference on Thalassemias and Hemoglobinopathies, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3-5 November 2023 (Poster Presentation).
4. H. Ö. Eyüpoğlu, E. Eyüpoğlu, N. Serakinci, **Ş. Tüzmen**. "Stem cell-derived exosome signature reveals immunoregulatory phenotype through downregulation of PTGES". FEBS 2023. Tours, France 8-12 July 2023 (Poster Presentation).
5. **Ş. Tüzmen ***, K. Özsat. S. Işıktaş, H. Şenol. The relationship between psychiatric symptom severity and quality of life in patients with beta-thalassemia major: North Cyprus experience. European

- Society of Human Genetics (ESHG 2023). Glasgow, United Kingdom, 10-13 June 2023 (Hybrid-Poster Presentation).
6. E. Eyüpoğlu, H. Ö. Eyüpoğlu, **Ş. Tüzmen**. TUBA1C: A potential biomarker for Type II Diabetes Mellitus (T2D) associated cancer. European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG 2023). Glasgow, United Kingdom, 10-13 June 2023 (Poster Presentation).
 7. H. Ö. Eyüpoğlu, E. Eyüpoğlu, **Ş. Tüzmen**. Regulation of tumor microenvironment (TME) of pancreatic cancer: A mechanistic insight for potential tumor immunotherapeutics. European Journal of Human Genetics (ESHG 2023). Glasgow, United Kingdom, 10-13 June 2023 (Poster Presentation).
 8. S. H. Khodaei, S. Sabetkam, H. Ö. Eyüpoğlu, **Ş. Tüzmen**. The potential of Mummy Substance to stimulate healing in mesenchymal stem cells cultured with human fibroblasts. European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG 2023). Glasgow, United Kingdom, 10-13 June 2023 (Poster Presentation).
 9. H. Ö. Kılgoz, E. Eyüpoğlu, **Ş. Tüzmen**. Carnosic Acid as Potential Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Therapeutics: A Mechanistic Insight. European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG 2022), Vienna, Austria, 11-14 June 2022 (Hybrid-Poster Presentation).
 10. A. Abou Rajab, **Ş. Tüzmen**, Huriye Icil. Perylene dyes interacting with G-Quadruplex structures for future therapeutic agents. 2019 International Natural Science, Engineering and Materials Technology Conference, September 9- 10, 2019, İstanbul, Turkey (2nd Best Oral Presentation Award).
 11. N. Aşan Baydemir, **Ş. Tüzmen**, Some Ecological Observations and Anthropogenetic Threats on Egyptian Fruit Bat in Northern Cyprus, In: Proceedings International Conference on Biological Sciences (ICBS) Konya, Turkey, October 21-23, 2016 (Oral Presentation).
 12. N. Aşan Baydemir, **Ş. Tüzmen**, Cave Ecosystems of Turkey and Northern Cyprus: A Hidden World for Bats, In: Proc. 6th International Conference of Ecosystems, Tirana, Albania, June 3-6, 2016 (Oral Presentation).
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 14. **Tuzmen S.**, Kiefer J, Azorsa D., Basik M., Ozcelik H., Kallioniemi O., Mousses S., The Fifth Era of Hope Meeting for the Department of Defense (DOD) Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP), "The Fifth Era of Hope Meeting for DOD Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) proceedings", "New Genomic Strategies to Accelerate the Discovery of Breast Cancer Genes", - pp., Baltimore, Maryland, June 2008 (Oral Presentation).
 15. Z. Lacroix, C. Legendre, and **S. Tuzmen**, Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) Annual Retreat 2008 konferansı dahilinde "TGen Annual Retreat 2008 proceedings" bildiri kitabıındaki "Design and Analysis of a Fusion Protein Construct Workflow", - pp., Phoenix, Arizona, May 2008.
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20. "Application of High-Throughput RNAi in Cancer Genetics" (**Keynote Speaker**) 3rd International Workshop on Translational Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics, Izmir, Turkey, 22nd May 2014.
21. "Application of RNAi and qPCR in Cancer Genetics" 2nd International GEN-AREL Molecular Biology and Genetics Student Congress, Istanbul, Turkey, 2nd May 2014.
22. "RNAi Based Functional Pharmacogenomics" 7th International Symposium on Health Informatics and Bioinformatics (HIBIT 2012), Cappadocia, Turkey, 19th April 2012.
23. "RNAi Based Functional Pharmacogenomics and Applications of QPCR" Drexel University, School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A., 23rd August 2011.

24. "RNAi Based Functional Pharmacogenomics and Applications of QPCR" The 15th Human Genome Meeting and the 4th Pan Arab Human Genetics Conference, Dubai, UAE, 13th March, 2011.
25. "Journey in Science: A Pharmacogenomics Approach" National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases (DDEMD), Bethesda, MD, 27th September, 2010.
26. "RNAi Based Pharmacogenomics" National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), Division of Extramural Research (DER), Rockville, MD, 29th September, 2010.
27. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey, 21st October, 2008.
"High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", The Cyprus Institute of Neurology & Genetics, Nicosia, Cyprus, 16th July, 2008.
28. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, 7th July, 2008.
29. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", University of Istanbul, Oncology Institute, Istanbul, Turkey, 4th July, 2008.
30. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", Biological Sciences and Bioengineering Program, Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2nd July, 2008.
31. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by qPCR", Center for Innovations in Medicine, Biodesign Institute, Arizona State University, 10th June, 2008.
32. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", Sensor, Signal & Information Processing (SenSIP) Center, Biomedical Signal and Information Processing, BioSIP Seminar, Fulton School of Engineering, ASU, 22nd February, 2008.
33. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", Invitee of the President of The T.R.N.C. for the development of a National Molecular Biology and Genetics Institution in The T.R.N.C., Girne, Cyprus, 21st August, 2007.
34. "High-throughput RNAi Phenotype Analysis for Cancer Drug Target Identification and Validation by QPCR", QPCR 2007: 3rd International qPCR Symposium & Industrial

Exhibition & Application Workshop, Technische Universität München, Freising-Weihenstephan, Germany, 26th – 30th March 2007.

35. "Global RNAi phenotype analysis for cancer drug target identification and validation by qPCR", HistoGenetics Laboratory, Ossining, NY, 26th October, 2006.
36. "Global RNAi phenotype analysis for cancer drug target identification and validation by qRT-PCR" Quantitative PCR The Validation Tool of Choice", Cambridge Healthtech Institute (CHI), Wyndham San Diego at Emerald Plaza, San Diego, CA, 19th – 21st March, 2006.
37. Global RNAi phenotype analysis for cancer drug target identification and validation by qRT-PCR" Department of Genetics, Institute for Experimental Medical Research (DETAE), Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey, 14th September 2005.
38. Global RNAi phenotype analysis for cancer drug target identification and validation by qRT-PCR" Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, 13th September 2005.
39. "Production of knock-out models of possible 5' flanking control regions of the epsilon globin gene". BBI – Biotech Research Laboratories, Inc., Boston Biomedica Company, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 9th June, 2000.
40. "Production of knock-out models of possible 5' flanking control regions of the epsilon globin gene". Department of Biometry and Genetics, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3rd December, 1999.
41. "Production of knock-out models of possible 5' flanking control regions of the epsilon globin gene". Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, 13th August, 1999.
42. "Prenatal Diagnosis of Beta-Thalassemia in Turkey: Present Status and Perspectives" XIIIth Meeting of the International Society of Haematology (European & African Division), Istanbul, Turkey, 3rd – 8th September, 1995.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 2021 – 4 Oct. 2022 **Scientist, UNDP** "Identification and distribution of vectors of medical importance on the island of Cyprus (ID-VRisk)". Molecular analysis of molecular identification of mosquito species in the island of Cyprus.
- 2021 - 2021 **Volunteering Scientist, UNDP** "Identification and distribution of vectors of medical importance on the island of Cyprus (ID-VEC)". Molecular analysis of molecular identification of mosquito species in the island of Cyprus.
- 2014 - present **Founder and Student Mentor**, Genetics Club, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Famagusta, T.R.N.C., Mersin 10-Turkey

2006 - 2009	Community services , Phoenix, AZ, U.S.A.
1996 - 2001	Volunteer , Turkish Language Translator, NIH, MD, U.S.A.

Teaching Skills

- I have been appointed as the Vice-Dean (Professor) at the Faculty of Dentistry, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta, T.R.N.C., Mersin 10-Turkey. Since 2012, I have prepared numerous syllabi from scratch and taught numerous courses with labs including Biochemistry (2 credits), Genetics and Biotechnology (2 credits), Biological Psychology (3 credits), Human Anatomy and Physiology (3 credits), Molecular Cell Biology I &II (3 credits each), Molecular Genetics (3 credits), Nutrigenomics (2 credits), Molecular Biotechnology (3 credits), Molecular Evolution (3 credits), and Medical Biology (3 credits) courses.
- I have been appointed as an Adjunct Associate Professor at University of Maryland University College (UMUC) in 2001. Since then, I prepared numerous syllabi, and delivered many lectures on Molecular Biology and Genetics, Cell biology, and Biotechnology related subjects. I received above-average student evaluation scores and out of a possible score of 5, I received a 4.86 for BIOL 355. This is notable in an upper-level intensive laboratory course.

Scientific Workshops/Symposiums

- Led the workshop on “Genetik Hastalıkların Teşhis ve Tedavisinde Moleküler Yöntemler ve Mühendislik Uygulamaları”, Isparta, Turkey, 16-19 February 2016.
- Led the workshop on “Molecular Biology and Genetics”, National Institute of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering (NIBGE), Faisalabad, Pakistan.4-18 September 2015.
- Led the workshop on the “Bats of Turkey and North Cyprus: Distribution and Conservation Status of the Species”, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta, T.R.N.C., Mersin 10-Turkey, 15 February 2015.
- Led the workshop on the “Applications of Quantitative Real-time PCR (qPCR) in Clinic/Cancer Research, and functional RNAi in Cancer Genetics”, Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey, 21– 27 October 2008.

CITATIONS

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GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Grants submitted and to be re-submitted

Turkish Scientific Council (TUBITAK 1001)	650,000.00 TL
“Identification of cardiometabolic biomarkers in obese young individuals in different exercise models” (to be re-submitted)	
Role: Co- Investigator	
Turkish Scientific Council (TUBITAK 1001)	360,000.00 TL
“Genomic and Taxonomic Analyses of the Bat Species in the Northern Cyprus: Distribution and Conservation Status of the Species” (to be re-submitted)	
Role: Principal Investigator	
Turkish Embassy Scientific Aids Committee	2,150,290.00 TL
“Establishment of EMU Translational Genomics Research Center (UYGAR-DAÜ), and Support for the Molecular Biology and Genetics Program laboratories” (Accepted)	
Role: Director and Chief Coordinator	
Eureka R01 (RFA-GM-09-008) R01GM088592-01 NIH/NIGMS	\$776,119.00
Data Mining & Validation of Associations between Drugs, Genes, Pathways, Diseases The major goal of this project is to rank, filter and verify the biological significance of the computationally generated Drug, Gene, Pathway, and Disease associations. (to be re-submitted)	
Role: Principal Investigator	

Grants and Contracts Completed

W81XWH-05-1-0332	2/1/2005 – 3/14/2008
DOD/CDMRP BCRP Idea Award	\$77,577.00
Accelerated Discovery and Validation of Novel Tumor Suppressor Genes in Breast Cancer The major goals of this project are the discovery and validation of new tumor suppressor genes with mutations in breast cancer cells using NMG microarray and CGH analyses.	
Role: Investigator	
Contract, Eli Lilly & Co	1/1/2005 – 12/31/2006
Predictive Pharmacogenomics This study aims to discover genes and gene states that can predict response to cancer therapeutics using a variety of technologies, including sequencing for mutations, microarray for expression and CGH, tissue microarrays for protein profiling, RNAi for phenotype profiling.	
Role: Investigator	
Contract	1/1/2005 – 12/31/2006
Glaxo Smith Kline PLC	
Predictive Pharmacogenomics	

This study aims to discover genes and gene states that can predict response to cancer therapeutics of interest using gene expression and aCGH for molecular profiling, and RNAi for phenotype profiling.

Role: Investigator

Grant 7/1/2004 – 12/31/2004
NIEHS (subcontract through Icoria Inc.)
Creation of a Tox Gene siRNA Library
The goal of the project is to design and validate 300 siRNA targeting 75 toxicology related genes.
Role: Investigator

W81XWH-05-1-0033 11/01/2004 – 10/31/2006
DOD/CDMRP \$200,700.00

Validation of the role of S100P in growth and survival of hormone refractory prostate cancer
The major goals of this project are (1) to conduct high-throughput RNAi to discover genes, that when silenced, modulate the expression of S100P in hormone refractory prostate cancer cell lines, (2) to determine the functional role of S100P expression on prostate cancer cell growth, survival and other cancer-related phenotypes in vitro, (3) and to determine the role of S100P expression on the in vivo growth of human prostate cancer cells as xenografts in mice.

Role: Investigator

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG)
 - American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
 - American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
 - Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERT PANELS/COMMITTEES

- **MS/PhD Examiner/Thesis Reviewer since 2012**, NIBGE, Pakistan.
 - **Senator (Elected Professor for two-year term) 2021-23**, Eastern Mediterranean University (**EMU**), Famagusta, North Cyprus, Mersin 10 – Turkey.
 - **Senator (Elected Professor for two-year term) 2019-2021**, Eastern Mediterranean University (**EMU**), Famagusta, North Cyprus, Mersin 10 – Turkey.
 - **Director, 2015-19**, Eastern Mediterranean University (**EMU**), Institutional Ethics Committee, Famagusta, North Cyprus, Mersin 10 – Turkey.
 - **Committee Member, 2017-19**, Turkish National Health Institutes (**TUSEB**), Turkish Biotechnology Institute, Human Genom Committee, Turkey.
 - **Reviewer, 2001-present**, the Research Grant Council, Hong Kong, China.
 - **Member, 2001-07**, TGen Institutional Biosafety Committee, AZ, U.S.A.
 - **Judge 2005**, the 2007 TGen Scientific Retreat, AZ, U.S.A.
 - **Consultant**, the Molecular Biology and Genetics Panel, 2007, Girne, T.R.N.C.
 - **Consultant**, the Molecular Biology and Genetics Panel, 2008, Isparta, Turkey.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023:** 2022 Eastern Mediterranean University Research Incentive Award.
- 2022:** 2021 Eastern Mediterranean University Research Incentive Award.
- 2022:** 2021 Eastern Mediterranean University SCI/SCIE Indexed Publication Award.
- 2021:** 2020 Eastern Mediterranean University SCI/SCIE Indexed Publication Award.
- 2020:** 2019 Eastern Mediterranean University SCI/SCIE Indexed Publication Award.
- 2016:** The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBITAK) Fellowship for Visiting Scientists Program, Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta-Turkey.
- 2015:** The Higher Education Commission (HEC), Foreign Professor Visiting Scholars Program (VSP) for National Institute of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering (NIBGE), Faisalabad, Pakistan, 18th September 2015.
- 2014:** EuropeAid/133886/L/ACT/CY-Scholarships for the Turkish Cypriot community Programme for the Academic Year 2013/14, 14th August, 2013.
- 2011:** Sheikh Hamdan Awards for Medical Sciences and the Centre for Arab Genomic Studies, (Oral Presentation) Dubai, UAE. The 15th Human Genome Meeting and the 4th Pan Arab Human Genetics Conference, Dubai, UAE, 13th March, 2011.
- 2009:** CRC Research Center-Tuition Scholarship Award, AZ, U.S.A.
- 2008:** The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBITAK) Fellowship for Visiting Scientists Program, Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta-Turkey.
- 1996:** Fogarty Postdoctoral Visiting Fellow/ Research Fellow at the Laboratory of Chemical Biology, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD, USA.
- 1995:** The Scientific and the Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBITAK) scholarship for 27th Annual Meeting of European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG), Berlin, Germany.
- 1995:** 27th Annual Meeting of ESHG, Berlin, Germany, scholarship from the Bogaziçi University Foundation.
- 1995:** 27th Annual Meeting of ESHG, Berlin, Germany, scholarship from the ESHG Organization.
- 1994:** 26th Annual Meeting of ESHG, Paris, France, scholarship from the Bogaziçi University Foundation.

- 1994:** Miami Bio/Technology European Symposium, "Advances in Gene Technology: Molecular Biology and Human Genetic Diseases", Monaco, scholarship from the Bogaziçi University Foundation.
- 1993:** The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBITAK) scholarship for the 25th Annual Meeting of ESHG, Barcelona, Spain.
- 1993:** 25th Annual Meeting of ESHG, Barcelona, Spain, scholarship from the ESHG Organization.
- 1993:** The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBITAK) fellowship for DGGE course, the Sylvius Laboratory, Department of Human Genetics, Faculty of Medicine, State University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 1992:** The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBITAK) scholarship for the 24th Annual Meeting of ESHG, Elsinore, Denmark.
- 1992:** 24th Annual Meeting of ESHG, Elsinore, Denmark, scholarship from the ESHG Organization.
- 1991:** 23rd Annual Meeting of ESHG, Leuven, Belgium, scholarship from the ESHG Organization.

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