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Education Information

Doctorate, Universitaet Leipzig, Faculty Of Biosciences Pharmacy And Psychology, Germany 2004 - 2008

Postgraduate, Middle East Technical University, Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences, Biyoteknoloji (YI) (Tezli), Turkey 2001 - 2003

Undergraduate, Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology, Turkey 1996 - 2001

Dissertations

Doctorate, Exploring Phenotypic Variation with the Transcriptome: Applications in Human Evolution and Ageing, Universitaet Leipzig, Faculty Of Biosciences Pharmacy And Psychology, 2008

Postgraduate, Characterisation of DNA from archaeological wheat (*Triticum L.*) seeds from anatolia, Middle East Technical University, Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences, Biyoteknoloji (YI) (Tezli), 2003

Research Areas

Evolution, Population Genetics

Academic Titles / Tasks

Associate Professor, Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology, 2014 - 2021

Assistant Professor, Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology, 2013 - 2014

Research Assistant, University of California, Berkeley, Letters And Science, Integrative Biology, 2011 - 2013

Research Assistant, Chinese Academy Of Sciences, Cas-Mpg Partner Institute For Computational Biology, 2008 - 2011

Research Assistant, Middle East Technical University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology, 2001 - 2004

Advising Theses

Somel M., Resolving reticulate speciation in bisexual and parthenogenetic lizards of genus *Darevskia* in East Anatolia and Caucasus, Doctorate, M.ERDOLU(Student), 2023

Somel M., Somatic copy number variant load in neurons of healthy controls and Alzheimer's disease patients, Doctorate, Z.GÖZDE(Student), 2023

Somel M., Meta-analysis of gene expression heterogeneity in brain development and aging, Postgraduate, U.İŞİLDAK(Student), 2022

Somel M., Realistically simulating SARS-CoV-2 wastewater metagenome sequencing data, Postgraduate, F.RABİA(Student), 2022

Somel M., Genetic history of Anatolia during Holocene, Doctorate, D.KOPTEKİN(Student), 2022

SOMEL M., Convergent evolution of primate testis transcriptomes in response to mating strategy differences, Postgraduate, E.YAPAR(Student), 2021

SOMEL M., Comparison of methylation patterns in ancient hunter-gatherers and farmers, Postgraduate, S.SEDA(Student), 2021

Somel M., Exploring the evolutionary history of anatolian neolithic sheep using modern and ancient genomics, Postgraduate, E.YURTMAN(Student), 2019

Somel M., Testing natural selection on polygenic trait-associated alleles in anatolia using neolithic and present-day human genomes, Postgraduate, E.FER(Student), 2019

Acar A. C., Somel M., De novo SNP calling and demographic inference using trio genome data, Postgraduate, E.BOZLAK(Student), 2019

SOMEL M., Differences in learning performance and related behaviors across three honey bee subspecies from Turkey, Postgraduate, B.ERDEM(Student), 2018

Somel M., Özer A. N., Kuzey iskanidavyalı insan örneklerinde hesaplamalı antik DNA çalışmaları, Postgraduate, N.DUHA(Student), 2018

SOMEL M., Testis transcriptome evolution among hominids, Postgraduate, E.SAĞLİCAN(Student), 2018

SOMEL M., Meta analysis of Alzheimer's disease at the gene expression level, Postgraduate, H.İZGİ(Student), 2017

SOMEL M., Genetic relatedness estimation using ancient genomic data, Postgraduate, A.GHALİCHI(Student), 2017

SOMEL M., Context dependent mutation biases in the human genome, Postgraduate, A.YETKİN(Student), 2017

SOMEL M., TUNÇBAĞ N., Transcriptomic network analysis of brain aging and Alzheimer's disease, Postgraduate, P.PARVİZİ(Student), 2017

SOMEL M., TUNÇBAĞ N., Transcriptomic network analysis of brain aging and alzheimers disease, Postgraduate, P.Parvizi(Student), 2017

SOMEL M., Meta analysis of alzheimer's disease at the gene expression level, Postgraduate, H.İzgi(Student), 2017

SOMEL M., Understanding domestication process of sheep across Central and Western Anatolia by using ancient DNA, Postgraduate, O.ÖZER(Student), 2017

SOMEL M., Notable decrease in transcriptome conservation during mammalian aging, Postgraduate, Z.GÖZDE(Student), 2016

SOMEL M., Meta-analysis of gene expression reversals in ageing brain, Postgraduate, H.MELİKE(Student), 2016

SOMEL M., Evolution of bladder cancer investigated using exome sequencing, Postgraduate, E.ÖZKURT(Student), 2015

Designed Lessons

Somel M., Atakuman Ç., Sürer E., Digital Archaeology of the Neolithic Transition, Postgraduate, 2018 - 2019

Published journal articles indexed by SCI, SSCI, and AHCI

- I. **READv2: advanced and user-friendly detection of biological relatedness in archaeogenomics**
Alaçamlı E., Naidoo T., GÜLER M., Sağlıcan E., Aktürk Ş., Mapelli I., Vural K. B., SOMEL M., Malmström H., Günther T. *Genome Biology*, vol.25, no.1, 2024 (SCI-Expanded)
- II. **The first complete genome of the extinct European wild ass (*Equus hemionus hydruntinus*)**

Özkan M., GÜRÜN K., Yüncü E., VURAL K. B., Atag G., Akbaba A., FİDAN F. R., Sağlıcan E., ALTINIŞIK N. E., Koptekin D., et al.

Molecular Ecology, vol.33, no.14, 2024 (SCI-Expanded)

- III. **Investigating food production-associated DNA methylation changes in paleogenomes: Lack of consistent signals beyond technical noise**
Çokoğlu S. S., Koptekin D., FİDAN F. R., SOMEL M.
Evolutionary Applications, vol.17, no.7, 2024 (SCI-Expanded)
- IV. **Ancient Sheep Genomes Reveal Four Millennia of North European Short-Tailed Sheep in the Baltic Sea Region**
Larsson M. N. A., Morell Miranda P., Pan L., Başak Vural K., Kaptan D., Rodrigues Soares A. E., Kivikero H., Kantanen J., SOMEL M., ÖZER F., et al.
Genome Biology and Evolution, vol.16, no.6, 2024 (SCI-Expanded)
- V. **Population Genomic History of the Endangered Anatolian and Cyprian Mouflons in Relation to Worldwide Wild, Feral, and Domestic Sheep Lineages**
Atag G., Kaptan D., Yüncü E., VURAL K. B., Mereu P., Pirastru M., Barbato M., Leoni G. G., Güler M. N., Er T., et al.
Genome Biology and Evolution, vol.16, no.5, 2024 (SCI-Expanded)
- VI. **Comparison and optimization of protocols and whole-genome capture conditions for ancient DNA samples**
Yaka R., Maja Krzewińska K., Lagerholm V. K., Linderholm A., ÖZER F., SOMEL M., Götherström A.
BioTechniques, vol.76, no.5, pp.216-223, 2024 (SCI-Expanded)
- VII. **The time and place of origin of South Caucasian languages: insights into past human societies, ecosystems and human population genetics**
Gavashelishvili A., Chukhua M., Sakhltkhutsishvili K., Koptekin D., SOMEL M.
Scientific Reports, vol.13, no.1, 2023 (SCI-Expanded)
- VIII. **Single hybrid population but multiple parental individuals at the origin of parthenogenetic rock lizards *Darevskia sapphirina* and *D. bendimahiensis* Schmidtler, & Eiselt Darevsky (1994) endemic to the area of Lake Van in East Turkey**
Erdolu M., ŞAHİN M. K., SOMEL M., Yanchukov A.
Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution, vol.189, 2023 (SCI-Expanded)
- IX. **Effects of coumaphos on locomotor activities of different honeybee (*Apis mellifera* L.) subspecies and ecotypes**
ARSLAN O. C., ERDEM B., SOMEL M., Giray T., Kence M.
Apidologie, vol.54, no.4, 2023 (SCI-Expanded)
- X. **Mobility and kinship in the world's first village societies**
Pearson J., Evans J., Lamb A., Baird D., Hodder I., Marciniak A., Larsen C. S., Knüsel C. J., Haddow S. D., Pilloud M. A., et al.
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, vol.120, no.4, 2023 (SCI-Expanded)
- XI. **Spatial and temporal heterogeneity in human mobility patterns in Holocene Southwest Asia and the East Mediterranean.**
Koptekin D., Yüncü E., Rodríguez-Varela R., Altınışik N. E., Psonis N., Kashuba N., Yorulmaz S., George R., Kazancı D. D., Kaptan D., et al.
Current biology : CB, vol.33, 2023 (SCI-Expanded)
- XII. **CONGA: Copy number variation genotyping in ancient genomes and low-coverage sequencing data**
Söylev A., Çokoglu S. S., KOPTEKİN D., Alkan C., SOMEL M.
PLoS Computational Biology, vol.18, no.12, 2022 (SCI-Expanded)
- XIII. **Somatic copy number variant load in neurons of healthy controls and Alzheimer's disease patients**
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- XIV. **A genomic snapshot of demographic and cultural dynamism in Upper Mesopotamia during the**

Neolithic Transition

ALTINIŞIK N. E., Kazancı D. D., Aydoğan A., GEMİCİ H. C., ERDAL Ö. D., SARIALTUN S., VURAL K. B., KOPTEKİN D., GÜRÜN K., Sağlıcan E., et al.

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- XV. **New insights on commemoration of the dead through mortuary and architectural use of pigments at Neolithic Catalhoyuk, Turkey**
Schotsmans E., Busacca G., Lin S., Vasić M., Lingle A., Veropoulidou R., Mazzucato C., Tibbetts B., Haddow S., SOMEL M., et al.
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- XVI. **Inter-tissue convergence of gene expression during ageing suggests age-related loss of tissue and cellular identity**
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- XVII. **Archaeogenetic analysis of Neolithic sheep from Anatolia suggests a complex demographic history since domestication**
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Communications Biology, vol.4, no.1, 2021 (SCI-Expanded)
- XVIII. **Collaborate equitably in ancient DNA research and beyond**
SOMEL M.
NATURE, vol.600, no.7887, pp.37, 2021 (SCI-Expanded)
- XIX. **Human inbreeding has decreased in time through the Holocene**
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CURRENT BIOLOGY, vol.31, no.17, pp.3925-3943, 2021 (SCI-Expanded)
- XX. **Million-year-old DNA sheds light on the genomic history of mammoths**
Van Der Valk T., Pecnerova P., Diez-Del-Molino D., Bergstrom A., Oppenheimer J., Hartmann S., Xenikoudakis G., Thomas J. A., Dehasque M., Sağlıcan E., et al.
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- XXI. **Variable kinship patterns in Neolithic Anatolia revealed by ancient genomes**
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Current Biology, vol.31, no.11, 2021 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXII. **Human population dynamics and Yersinia pestis in ancient northeast Asia**
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SCIENCE ADVANCES, vol.7, no.2, 2021 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXIII. **EVOLUTIONARY GENETICS Of dogs and men**
Pavlidis P., SOMEL M.
SCIENCE, vol.370, no.6516, pp.522-523, 2020 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXIV. **Temporal changes in the gene expression heterogeneity during brain development and aging**
Isildak U., SOMEL M., Thornton J. M., Donertas H. M.
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- XXV. **Social Memory and Mortuary Practices in Neolithic Anatolia**
Pilloud M. A., Haddow S. D., Knusel C. J., Larsen C. S., SOMEL M.
POETICS OF PROCESSING, pp.145-165, 2020 (SSCI)
- XXVI. **Molecular footprint of Medawar's mutation accumulation process in mammalian aging**
Turan Z. G., Parvizi P., Donertas H. M., Tung J., Khaitovich P., SOMEL M.
AGING CELL, vol.18, no.4, 2019 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXVII. **Ancient Mitochondrial Genomes Reveal the Absence of Maternal Kinship in the Burials of catalhoyuk People and Their Genetic Affinities**
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- GENES, vol.10, no.3, 2019 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXVIII. **Genomic and Strontium Isotope Variation Reveal Immigration Patterns in a Viking Age Town**
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CURRENT BIOLOGY, vol.28, no.17, pp.2730-2748, 2018 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXIX. **Investigating Holocene human population history in North Asia using ancient mitogenomes**
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- XXX. **Archaeogenetics of Late Iron Age Cemialo Srt, Batman: Investigating maternal genetic continuity in north Mesopotamia since the Neolithic**
Yaka R., Birand A., Yilmaz Y., Caner C., Acan S. C., Gunduzalp S., Parvizi P., Ozdogan A. E., Togan I., SOMEL M.
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- XXXI. **Variation and Functional Impact of Neanderthal Ancestry in Western Asia**
Taskent R. O., Alioglu N. D., Fer E., Donertas H. M., SOMEL M., Gokcumen O.
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- XXXII. **Archaeogenomic analysis of the first steps of Neolithization in Anatolia and the Aegean**
Kilinc G. M., KOPEKIN D., ATAKUMAN Ç., SUMER A. P., DONERTAS H. M., YAKA R., BİLGİN C. C., BÜYÜKKARAKAYA A. M., Baird D., ALTINISIK E., et al.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY B-BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, vol.284, no.1867, 2017 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXIII. **Gene expression reversal toward pre-adult levels in the aging human brain and age-related loss of cellular identity**
Donertas H. M., İzgi H., Kamacioglu A., He Z., Khaitovich P., Somel M.
SCIENTIFIC REPORTS, vol.7, 2017 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXIV. **The Demographic Development of the First Farmers in Anatolia**
Kilinc G. M., Omrak A., Ozer F., Gunther T., Büyükkarakaya A. M., Bicakci E., Baird D., Donertas H. M., Ghalichi A., Yaka R., et al.
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- XXXV. **Disruption of an Evolutionarily Novel Synaptic Expression Pattern in Autism**
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- XXXVI. **Determining the origin of synchronous multifocal bladder cancer by exome sequencing**
Acar O., Ozkurt E., Demir G., Sarac H., ALKAN C., Esen T., SOMEL M., LACK N.
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- XXXVII. **Transcriptomic insights into human brain evolution: acceleration, neutrality, heterochrony**
SOMEL M., Rohlf S., Liu X.
CURRENT OPINION IN GENETICS & DEVELOPMENT, vol.29, pp.110-119, 2014 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXVIII. **Whole genome sequencing of Turkish genomes reveals functional private alleles and impact of genetic interactions with Europe, Asia and Africa**
Alkan C., Kavak P., Somel M., Gokcumen O., Ugurlu S., Saygi C., Dal E., Bugra K., GÜNGÖR T., Sahinalp S. C., et al.
BMC GENOMICS, vol.15, 2014 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXIX. **Shared signatures of social stress and aging in peripheral blood mononuclear cell gene expression profiles**
Snyder-Mackler N., SOMEL M., Tung J.
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- XL. **Altitude adaptation in Tibetans caused by introgression of Denisovan-like DNA**
Huerta-Sanchez E., Jin X., Asan A., Bianba Z., Peter B. M., Vinckenbosch N., Liang Y., Yi X., He M., Somel M., et al.
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- XLI. **Population Genomics Reveal Recent Speciation and Rapid Evolutionary Adaptation in Polar Bears**
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- XLII. **Classic Selective Sweeps Revealed by Massive Sequencing in Cattle**
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- XLIII. **Evolution of Human Longevity Uncoupled from Caloric Restriction Mechanisms**
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- XLIV. **A Scan for Human-Specific Relaxation of Negative Selection Reveals Unexpected Polymorphism in Proteasome Genes**
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MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND EVOLUTION, vol.30, no.8, pp.1808-1815, 2013 (SCI-Expanded)
- XLV. **Early gene expression divergence between allopatric populations of the house mouse (*Mus musculus domesticus*)**
Bryk J., Somel M., Lorenc A., Teschke M.
ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION, vol.3, no.3, pp.558-568, 2013 (SCI-Expanded)
- XLVI. **Human brain evolution: transcripts, metabolites and their regulators**
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- XLVII. **Widespread splicing changes in human brain development and aging**
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- XLVIII. **Accelerated aging-related transcriptome changes in the female prefrontal cortex**
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- XLIX. **A Comparison of Brain Gene Expression Levels in Domesticated and Wild Animals**
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- L. **Mechanisms of Dietary Response in Mice and Primates: A Role for EGR1 in Regulating the Reaction to Human-Specific Nutritional Content**
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- LI. **Extension of cortical synaptic development distinguishes humans from chimpanzees and macaques**
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