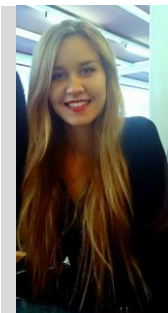


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ACADEMIC EDUCATION & QUALIFICATION

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2019	M.Sc., Molecular Biosciences/Major Infectious Diseases, Heidelberg University
2017	B.Sc., Molecular Biology and Genetics, Bilkent University

SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION & QUALIFICATION

Year(s)	Education
2024-present	PostDoc, CCU Pediatric Oncology, KITZ/DKFZ
2020-2024	Dr. rer. nat (Magne cum Laude), CCU Pediatric Oncology, KITZ/DKFZ/Faculty of Biosciences, Heidelberg University Thesis: Specific combination therapy for H3K27M pediatric diffuse midline glioma Supervisor: Dr. Ina Oehme
2019	Master Thesis, Tumorvirus-specific Vaccination Strategies, DKFZ Thesis: Generation and characterization of monoclonal antibodies targeting a cross-neutralization epitope of minor capsid protein L2 of human papillomavirus 3 and 4 Supervisor: Prof. Martin Müller

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2024-present	PostDoc, CCU Pediatric Oncology, KITZ/DKFZ
2020-2024	PhD, CCU Pediatric Oncology, KITZ/DKFZ/Faculty of Biosciences, Heidelberg University
2019	Master thesis student, Tumorvirus-specific Vaccination Strategies, DKFZ, Heidelberg, Germany Supervisor: Prof. Martin Müller
2018	Intern, BioQuant, Cluster of Excellence CellNetworks, Heidelberg, Germany Supervisor: Prof. Dirk Grimm
2018	Intern, Heidelberg University Medical Faculty Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology, Heidelberg, Germany Supervisor: Prof. Michael Lanzer
2015-2017	Research fellow, Synthetic Biosystems and Bionanotechnology Laboratory, National Nanotechnology and Research Center (UNAM), Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Urartu Özgür Şafak Şeker
2016	Research fellow, Department of Women's and Children's Health, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden Supervisor: Prof. Klas Blomgren

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS/ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

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2017	International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Team Leader of Bilkent University Bronze Medal
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2013-2017	Comprehensive scholarship holder, Bilkent University

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