

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DETAILS

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Current position:

Professor & Head of School of Life Sciences, Pharmacy & Chemistry
Kingston University London, UK ([link](#))

From: 4 September 2017

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Hacettepe University, School of Medicine, Ankara, Turkey

Qualification: M.D.

Post-graduate medical training

Specialist training in Internal Medicine

Department of Internal Medicine, Hacettepe University, School of Medicine, Ankara & Akdeniz
University, School of Medicine, Antalya, Turkey

Open University (UK)

Qualification: B.A. (Hons, first class)

PhD study

Title: A Search for a Leukaemia Susceptibility Gene in the HLA Complex (supervisors: Professor Alan K Burnett & Ken I. Mills; examiners: Robert R West (Epidemiology) and Ben A Bradley (Immunology).
Dept of Haematology, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, UK

Diploma in Statistics - Open University (UK)

(Completed courses: M246 Elements of Statistics; M346 Linear Statistical Modelling; MST121 Using Mathematics; MDST242 Statistics in Society and M343 Applications of Probability) supplemented by the Imperial College London Course "Statistical Analysis of Genetic Association Studies" and Wellcome Trust Genome Center Course "Genetic Analysis of Multifactorial Diseases".

PREVIOUS POSTS

Professor
Head of School of Health Sciences
Liverpool Hope University
Liverpool, UK
2014 (Jan 1) - 2017 (Sept 3)

Associate Professor
Graduate Program Director (Departmental)
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work
Department of Epidemiology (Febr 16, 2013 to Dec 31, 2013)
Department of Environmental & Occupational Health (Jan 4, 2010 to Febr 15, 2013)
Florida International University
Miami, FL, USA
2010 (Jan 1) - 2013 (Dec 31)

2007-2009:
Head of Genomic Immunoepidemiology
HUMIGEN LLC, The Institute for Genetic Immunology
Hamilton, NJ, USA

2004-2007:
Principal Research Associate
Paediatric and Lifecourse Epidemiology Research Group
School of Clinical Medical Sciences (Child Health)
Newcastle University, UK

Associate Lecturer (S366: Evolution)
The Open University (North), UK

Associate Lecturer (S320: Infectious Disease)
The Open University (North), UK

2001-2004:
Assistant Professor
Department of Epidemiology
School of Public Health
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL, USA

2000-2001:
Assistant Professor
Division of Transplantation, Department of Surgery
University of Tennessee at Memphis
Memphis, TN, USA

1992-2000:
Non-Clinical Lecturer (Research)
Department of Haematology
University of Wales College of Medicine
Cardiff, Wales, UK

1991-1992:
Research Fellow
Leukaemia Research Fund Laboratories
Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Scotland, UK

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- **British Council Scholarship** (Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Scotland, UK), 1988/89
- **Outstanding Abstract Award** and **ASHI Scholar** designation by the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI), 1994 Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA and again in 2008 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- **Best Overseas Abstract Award** by the British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (BSHI) at the 2002 Annual Meeting, Scotland, UK
- **Top Scholar Award** by Florida International University, 2013

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Roles within Kingston University
 - ✓ Member of University Senior Leadership Group (SLG)
 - ✓ Member of University Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee (RKEC)
 - ✓ Member of University EDI Committee
 - ✓ Member of Race Equality Charter (REC) Steering Committee
 - ✓ Member of Faculty Leadership Team (FLT)
 - ✓ Chair of Faculty Equality Diversity Inclusion (EDI) Action Group
 - ✓ Chair of School Senior Management Group (SMG)
 - ✓ Chair of School (LSPC) Athena Swan Self-Assessment Team
- Memberships and Fellowships:
 - ✓ Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society (FRSS)
 - ✓ Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology (FACE)
 - ✓ Member of the European Federation of Immunogenetics (EFI)
 - ✓ Member of the Genetics Society (U.K.)
 - ✓ Member of the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group U.K. (CCLG)
 - ✓ Member of the CCLG Research Advisory Group
 - ✓ Member of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)
 - ✓ Member of the Foundation for Open Access Statistics (FOAS)
- Editorial Board memberships:
 - ✓ [Genes & Immunity](#)
 - ✓ [Frontiers in Public Health](#) (Associate Editor)
 - ✓ [Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine](#) and [Frontiers in Medicine](#) (Statistical Review Editor)
 - ✓ [ADO Journal of Clinical Sciences \(Turkey\)](#) (Language and Statistical Editor)
- Reviewer for a number of international journals including:
 - ✓ Genes & Immunity
 - ✓ Gene
 - ✓ Human Genetics
 - ✓ Human Molecular Genetics
 - ✓ Molecular Human Reproduction
 - ✓ International Journal of Cancer
 - ✓ New England Journal of Medicine
 - ✓ BMC Genetics
 - ✓ Biology of Sex Differences
 - ✓ Gender and the Genome
 - ✓ Cancer Research
 - ✓ Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention
 - ✓ Cancer Genetics Cytogenetics
 - ✓ Carcinogenesis
 - ✓ British Journal of Cancer
 - ✓ Leukemia & Lymphoma
 - ✓ Pediatric Hematology & Oncology

- ✓ Bone Marrow Transplantation
- ✓ Expert Reviews in Haematology
- ✓ Annals of Epidemiology
- ✓ Public Health Genomics
- ✓ Tissue Antigens
- ✓ Human Immunology
- ✓ Cytokine
- ✓ International Journal of Immunogenetics
- ✓ Journal of Infectious Diseases
- ✓ Journal of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndromes
- ✓ Molecular Biology Reports
- ✓ Arthritis & Rheumatism
- ✓ Southern Medical Journal
- ✓ Scientific Reports
- ✓ PLoS One, PLoS Genetics
- ✓ Breast Cancer Research & Treatment

PRESENTATIONS (since 2010)

(accessible through www.dorak.info or available on request)

- Invited talk at the Pediatric Cancer Epidemiology Symposium: Fundamental Questions & Strategies (Houston, TX): Gender Effect in Cancer Risk. May 13, 2010 ([www](http://www.dorak.info))
- Invited talk at the 5th Brazilian HLA and Disease Symposium (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): HLA Associations in Multifactorial Diseases. June 10, 2010 ([www](http://www.dorak.info))
- Lecture at the Metabolomics Summer School (Trabzon, Turkey): Environmental Metabolomics. July 7, 2010
- Lecture at the Recent Advances in Applications of Bioinformatics and Biomics Workshop. Ege University, Department of Biochemistry (Izmir, Turkey): Molecular Basis of Disease: From Genomics to Metabolomics. July 14, 2010
- Seminar at the FIU Comparative Immunology Department (Miami, FL): MHC and Mate Selection across Species. Febr 24, 2010
- Seminar at the FIU College of Medicine (Miami, FL): Genetic Epidemiology as a Probe for Disease Biology. April 15, 2011 ([www](http://www.dorak.info))
- Seminar at the South Florida Pediatric Oncology Society (University of Miami College of Medicine, FL): Descriptive Epidemiology of Childhood Leukemia and the Hispanic Connection. May 9, 2011
- Seminar at Istanbul Technical University, Molecular Biology and Genetics Research Center (MOBGAM, Istanbul, Turkey): Real-time PCR: Troubleshooting June 3, 2011 ([www](http://www.dorak.info))
- Invited talk at the International Congress on Bioinformatics and Biomics (Kusadasi, Turkey): Genomics in Disease Risk Assessment. May 21, 2011 ([www](http://www.dorak.info))
- Seminar at the University of Alabama in Birmingham Epidemiology Seminar Series: Iron Depletion in Disease Prevention. Oct 24, 2011 ([www](http://www.dorak.info))
- Talk at the Childhood Leukemia International Consortium Meeting (Barcelona, Spain): Ethnic/Racial Differential in Childhood Leukemia Risk. Sept 17, 2011
- Seminar at the University of Miami College of Medicine, Batchelor Children's Research Institute (Miami, FL): Genetic Susceptibility to Childhood Leukemia & The Hispanic Connection. Nov 16, 2011 ([www](http://www.dorak.info))

- Seminar at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey: Breast Cancer Susceptibility and HLA Complex: Source of Missing Heritability? Dec 7, 2011 ([www](#))
- Seminar at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, Dept of Molecular Pathology (Miami Beach, FL): HLA Complex: Genetics & Biology. Dec 1, 2011 ([www](#))
- Seminar at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, Dept of Molecular Pathology (Miami Beach, FL): HLAComplex: Clinical Utility. February 23, 2012 ([www](#))
- Oral presentation at the 14th Annual Biomedical & Comparative Immunology Symposium, FIU: Genome-wide Association Signals from the HLA Region and Evolutionary Lineages. March 2, 2012
- Seminar at the FIU Comparative Immunology Department (Miami, FL): HLA Molecules and Antibodies in Transplantation. March 20, 2012
- Seminar at the FIU Summer Internship Research Program & MBRS Program: How to Prepare an Oral Presentation of Your Research. July 22, 2012 (repeated on Sept 19, 2013 at the MBRS Professional Development Workshop) (Accessible via [Scientific Writing Resources](#))
- Seminar at the FIU Comparative Immunology Department (Miami, FL): Cancer Immune Surveillance. Sept 29, 2012 ([www](#))
- Seminar at the MBRS Professional Development Workshop: Scientific Writing. February 5, 2013 (Accessible via [Scientific Writing Resources](#))
- Seminar at the University of Miami, Dept of Public Health and Epidemiology: Iron Excess and Cancer Connection. January 29, 2013
- Analysis of HLA Region Polymorphisms Associated with Cancer. Oral presentation at ASHI 2013, Chicago, IL, November 17-21, 2013 ([www](#))
- Alternative Explanations for HLA and Disease Associations. Oral presentation at EFI 2014, Stockholm, Sweden, 2014
- The Role Played by the HLA Complex in Adverse Drug Reactions. Invited talk at IMPPS-4, Istanbul, Turkey, September 18-21, 2014 ([www](#))
- Nanotechnology Applications in Genetics. Turkish-German Workshop on Bioinformatics: Recent Developments from Health to Nanotechnology, Kusadasi, Turkey, October 19-22, 2014 ([www](#))
- Bioinformatics Resources for Genetic Epidemiologists. International Conference on Applied Informatics for Health and Life Sciences (AIHLS), Kusadasi, Turkey, October 2014 ([www](#))
- HLA-DQA1 3'UTR is an Unexplored Source of Disease Associations in the HLA Complex. Oral presentation at EFI 2015, Geneva, Switzerland, 2015 ([www](#))
- A Survey of Cancer Somatic Mutations in the HLA Region. Oral presentation at ASHI, Savannah, GA, 2015 ([www](#))
- Potential Mediation of HLA and Cancer Associations via Non-coding RNAs. Oral presentation at ASHI, Savannah, GA, 2015 ([www](#))
- Causality Assessment of HLA Region Associations in GWAS for Autoimmune Diseases. [XIVth National Medical Biology and Genetics Congress](#), Fethiye, Turkey, October 27-30, 2015 ([www](#))

- Interpretation of GWAS Findings in Transplant Outcome Studies. Invited plenary lecture at the [Annual European Federation of Immunogenetics Societies \(EFI\) Region 8 External Proficiency Testing \(EPT\) Meeting](#). Bucharest, Romania, December 5, 2015 ([www](#))
- [Genome Biology and Applied Bioinformatics Course](#). Istanbul University, Medical School. Turkey, March 28/29, 2016
- Largest copy number variation regions in the extended HLA show correlations with ancestral HLA haplotypes. Oral presentation at the 30th European Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Conference, Kos, Greece, May 10-14, 2016 ([www](#))
- Functional annotations of common disease markers in immune regulatory genes. Oral presentation at the 30th European Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Conference, Kos, Greece, May 10-14, 2016 ([www](#))
- Insights into type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis pathogenesis from common genetic associations. Oral presentation at the 30th European Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Conference, Kos, Greece, May 10-14, 2016 ([www](#))
- What Does Your DNA Say About You? Inaugural Professorial Lecture at Liverpool Hope University on May 18, 2016 ([www](#))
- Making sense of genetic associations with childhood leukaemia risk. Oral presentation at the [Childhood Cancer Conference 2016](#). London, September 5-7, 2016 ([www](#))
- [II. Genome Biology and Applied Bioinformatics Course](#). Istanbul University, Medical School. Turkey, April 17/18, 2017
- [Recent Advances in Genome Biology: Insights from GWAS to Disease Development](#). Invited talk at the 5th International Congress of the Molecular Biology Association Turkey. Istanbul, Turkey, Sept 8-12, 2017
- [Expression QTLs with Opposing Effects on HLA-DR and -DQ Genes are Associated with Autoimmune Disorders: Evidence for Mixed Isotype Heterodimer Formation?](#) (Oral presentation at EFI Conference, Venice, Italy, 2018)
- [Longevity-associated HLA Class II Region Variants Map to the B-cell-specific Super-enhancer XL9](#) Oral presentation at EFI Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2019
- [III. Genome Biology and Applied Bioinformatics Course](#). Istanbul University, Medical School, Turkey, April 29/30, 2018
- [Statistics and Graphics with R Course](#). Istanbul University, Medical School, Turkey, April 19, 2019
- [Leadership & Equality \(with an Emphasis on Female Leadership\)](#). SWISSAM International University, St Petersburg, 2020
- [Getting Men Onboard to Achieve Gender Equality](#). Presentation at Kingston University School of Life Sciences, Chemistry and Pharmacy Café SWAN meeting, February 25, 2020
- [Bioinformatics Tools for HLA](#). Invited talk at the 8th National Congress of Turkish Transplantation Immunology and Genetics Society (TIGED), Antalya, Turkey, 2022
- [Why is There an Inverse Correlation between Alzheimer Disease and Cancer Susceptibility? Is \(Immuno\)genetics to Blame?](#) Invited talk at 2nd International Cancer and Life Symposium organised by Foundation for Children with Leukemia (LOSEV) on Sept 9, 2023 (Ankara, Turkey)

- [Warriors Don't Cry - An Inspiring Account of the Beginning of Desegregation in US Schools](#). Black History Month / Café Swan (Athena Swan) Presentation at Kingston University London on 11 October 2023

- [Disease Associations of HLA Region SNPs](#). Invited talk at the 18th Medical Biology and Genetics Society (TBGK) Conference on October 26-29, 2023 (Ankara, Turkey)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Contributions to various modules in Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Science and Pharmacy at Kingston University London, UK (2017 - cont.); including:
 - LS4003 (BSc/Biosciences): Biostatistics with R block
 - CH7060 (MSc/Pharmaceutical Science): Statistical Analysis of Clinical Trials and Evidence-based Medicine block
 - PY7010 (Pharmacy): Pharmacogenetics
- Human Biology, Human Genetics, Environmental Health and Basic Statistics blocks in undergraduate Health Sciences integrative curriculum at Liverpool Hope University, UK (2014-2017)
- Graduate-level courses taught at Florida International University, Miami, USA (2010-2013); including:
 - PHC6538: Genetic Issues in Public Health
 - PHC6315: Introduction to Environmental Health
 - PHC6307: Exposure Assessment in Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
 - PHC6007: Cancer Epidemiology
 - PHC6990: Genetic Epidemiology
 - PHC7300: Biologic Basis of Environmental Health

CURRENT DOCTORAL STUDENTS

- Hasan Kobat (2nd supervisor; 2018 - cont.) [*Real World Studies on Cardiotoxicity of Cancer Treatments*]
- Muhammad Osama Shafiq (3rd supervisor; 2020 - cont.) [*Plant-based Anti-cancer Agent Identification*]

PAST DOCTORAL STUDENTS (graduated)

- Amy E. Kennedy - (Florida International University) 2013 ([www](#))
- Sandeep K. Singh - (Florida International University) 2015 ([www](#))

PAST DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (USA)

- Banu Flemming (Mississippi State University) - 2004
- Shiryn Sukhram (Florida International University) - 2012
- Anthony Bellantuono (Florida International University) - 2013
- Miguel Cruz (Florida International University) - 2013
- Karina Villalba (Florida International University) - 2013
- Nicole Porter (Florida International University) - 2013
- Tiffany Stewart (Florida International University) - 2013
- Sabrina Sales (Florida International University) - 2013
- Ketaki Deshpande (Florida International University) - 2013

PAST MASTERS STUDENT

- Noelle Tor (University of Wales College of Medicine, U.K.) - 2000

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Dorak MT**, Yegin O. Human leukocyte antigens [review]. *Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences* 1990;14:686-702.
2. **Dorak MT**, Chalmers EA. HLA and leukaemia: is it a simple allelic association? *Turkish Journal of Paediatrics* 1992;34(1):55-9.
3. **Dorak MT**, Burnett AK. Major histocompatibility complex, t-complex, and leukaemia [review]. *Cancer Causes and Control* 1992;3(3):273-82.
4. **Dorak MT**, Chalmers EA, Sproul AM, Mills KI, Wilson DWL, Galbraith I, Henderson N, Gibson BES, Burnett AK. MHC class III polymorphisms in selection of donors for bone marrow transplantation. *Bone Marrow Transplantation* 1993;11(1):37-41.
5. **Dorak MT**, Chalmers EA, Gaffney D, Wilson DWL, Galbraith I, Henderson N, Worwood M, Mills KI, Burkett AK. Human major histocompatibility complex contains several leukaemia susceptibility genes. *Leukemia & Lymphoma* 1994;12(3-4):211-22.
6. **Dorak MT**, Burnett AK. Molecular mimicry of an HLA-DR53 epitope by viruses [letter]. *Immunology Today* 1994;15(3):138-9.
7. **Dorak MT**, Mills KI, Gaffney D, Wilson DW, Galbraith I, Henderson N, Burnett AK. Homozygous MHC genotypes and longevity. *Human Heredity* 1994;44(5):271-8.
8. Worwood M, Raha-Chowdhury R, **Dorak MT**, Darke C, Bowen DJ, Burnett AK. Alleles at D6S265 and D6S105 define a haemochromatosis-specific genotype. *British Journal of Haematology* 1994;86(4):863-6.
9. **Dorak MT**, Burnett AK, Worwood M. Thymus-leukaemia antigens: Haemochromatosis gene product? *Immunology and Cell Biology* 1994;72(5):435-9 ([www](#)).
10. Worwood M, **Dorak MT**, Raha-Chowdhury R. Haplotypes in linkage disequilibrium with the hemochromatosis gene [letter]. *American Journal of Human Genetics* 1994;55(3):586-7 ([www](#)).
11. Worwood M, **Dorak MT**, Raha-Chowdhury R, Darke C. Genetics of haemochromatosis [review]. *Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology* 1994;356:309-18.
12. **Dorak MT**, Wilson DW, Galbraith I, Henderson N, Burnett AK, Worwood M. A molecular analysis of the telomeric end of the human major histocompatibility complex. *Human Immunology* 1995;42(1):1-8.
13. **Dorak MT**, Owen G, Galbraith I, Henderson N, Webb D, Mills KI, Darke C, Burnett AK. Nature of HLA-associated predisposition to childhood acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. *Leukemia* 1995;9(5):875-8.
14. **Dorak MT**, Machulla HK, Hentschel M, Mills KI, Langner J, Burnett AK. The influence of homozygosity for HLA-DR53 on the age at onset in chronic lymphoid leukaemia. *International Journal of Cancer* 1996;65(2):134-9.
15. **Dorak MT**. The role of the major histocompatibility complex in the genetics of human leukaemia [review]. *Turkish Journal of Medical Sciences* 1996;26(2):119-23.
16. **Dorak MT**. The implications for childhood leukaemia of infection with adenovirus [review]. *Trends in Microbiology* 1996;4(2):60-3.
17. Worwood M, **Dorak MT**, Nicklin S, Stone C, Pointon J, Darke C. The frequency of the haemochromatosis-associated genotype D6S265-1:D6S105-8 in blood donors. *British Journal of Haematology* 1996;93(4):838-40.
18. **Dorak MT**, Mills KI, Poynton C, Burnett AK. HLA and Hodgkin's disease [letter]. *Leukemia* 1996;10(10):1671-2.
19. **Dorak MT**, Mills KI, Poynton C, Burnett AK. HLA and Hodgkin's disease. Reply to Taylor and Gokhale [letter]. *Leukemia* 1997;11(6):892-3.
20. Sunguroglu A, Guc D, Sipahi T, **Dorak MT**. A sex-specific difference in homozygosity for HLA-DR53 in newborns. *Turkish Journal of Paediatrics* 1998;40(2):211-6.
21. **Dorak MT**, Lawson T, Machulla HK, Darke C, Mills KI, Burnett AK. Unravelling an HLA-DR association in childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia. *Blood* 1999;94(2):694-700 ([www](#)).
22. **Dorak MT**, Sproul AM, Gibson BES, Burnett AK, Worwood M. The C282Y mutation of HFE is another male-specific risk factor for childhood ALL (letter). *Blood* 1999;94(11):3957-8 ([www](#)).
23. Kaslow RA, **Dorak MT**, Tang J. Is protection in HIV infection due to Bw4 or not to Bw4? *Lancet Infectious Diseases* 2001;1(4):221-2.
24. **Dorak MT**, Oguz FS, Yalman N, Diler AS, Kalayoglu S, Anak S, Sargin D, Carin MN. A male-specific increase in the HLA-DRB4 (DR53) frequency in high-risk childhood ALL. *Leukemia Research* 2002;26(7):651-8.
25. **Dorak MT**, Burnett AK, Worwood M. Haemochromatosis gene in leukaemia and lymphoma [[invited review](#)] *Leukemia & Lymphoma* 2002;43(3):467-477.

26. **Dorak MT.** Book Review: Basic Immunology: Functions and Disorders of the Immune System by Abbas & Lichtman, W.B. Saunders Co., 2000. *American Journal of Epidemiology* 2002;155(2):185-6.
27. **Dorak MT**, Folayan GO, Niwas S, Yee LJ, Tang J, van Leeuwen DJ, Kaslow RA. C-C chemokine receptor 2 and C-C chemokine receptor 5 genotypes in patients treated for chronic hepatitis C virus infection. *Immunologic Research* 2002;26(1-3):167-75.
28. Sabek O, **Dorak MT**, Kotb M, Gaber OA, Gaber L. Quantitative detection of T-cell activation markers by real-time PCR in renal transplant rejection and correlation with histopathological evaluation. *Transplantation* 2002;74(5):701-7.
29. Oguz FS, Yalman N, Diler AS, Oguz R, Anak S, **Dorak MT**, Carin MN. HLA-DRB1*15 and pediatric aplastic anemia (letter). *Haematologica* 2002;87(7):772-4 ([www](#)).
30. **Dorak MT**, Lawson T, Machulla HK, Mills KI, Burnett AK. Increased heterozygosity for MHC class II lineages in newborn males. *Genes & Immunity* 2002;3(5):263-9 ([www](#)).
31. Kotb M, Norrby-Teglund A, McGeer A, El-Sherbini H, **Dorak MT**, Khursid A, Green K, Peeples J, Wade J, Thomson G, Schwartz B., Lowe DE. Immunogenetic and molecular basis for differences in outcomes of invasive group A streptococcal infections. *Nature Medicine* 2002;8(12):1398-1404.
32. Machulla HK, Batnasan D, Steinborn F, Uyar FA, Saruhan-Direskeneli G, Oguz SF, Carin M, **Dorak MT**. Genetic affinities among Mongol ethnic groups and their relationship to Turks. *Tissue Antigens* 2003;61(4):292-299.
33. Oguz FS, Kalayoglu S, Diler AS, Tozkir H, Sargin D, Carin M, **Dorak MT**. HLA system affects the age-at-onset in chronic myeloid leukemia. *American Journal of Hematology* 2003;73(4):256-262 ([www](#)).
34. **Dorak MT**, Tang J, Tang S, Penman-Aguilar A, Coutinho RA, Goedert JJ, Detels R, Kaslow RA. Influence of HLA-B22 alleles on the course of HIV-1 infection in three cohorts of Caucasian men. *Journal of Infectious Diseases* 2003;188(6):856-63 ([www](#)).
35. Uyar FA, **Dorak MT**, Saruhan-Direskeneli S. HLA-A, -B and -Cw alleles and HLA haplotypes in Turkey: Relationship to other populations. *Tissue Antigens* 2004;64(2):180-7.
36. Shao W, Tang J, **Dorak MT**, Song W, Lobashevsky E, Cobbs CS, Wensch MR, Kaslow RA. Molecular typing of human leukocyte antigen and related polymorphisms following whole genome amplification. *Tissue Antigens* 2004;64(3):286-92.
37. Shao W, Lobashevsky ES, Kaslow RA, **Dorak MT**. MICA intron 1 sequences of conserved extended HLA haplotypes: Implications for sequencing-based typing. *Genes & Immunity* 2004;5(5):371-4.
38. **Dorak MT**, Tang J, Penman-Aguilar A, Westfall AO, Zulu IS, Lobashevsky ES, Schaen MM, Kancheya NG, Allen SA, Kaslow RA. Association of HLA-B allele sharing and individual HLA class I markers with transmission of HIV-1C in serodiscordant heterosexual Zambian couples. *Lancet* 2004;363(9427):2137-9.
39. **Dorak MT**, Burnett AK, Worwood M. HFE gene mutations in susceptibility to childhood leukemia: HuGE review. *Genetics in Medicine* 2005;7(3):159-68 ([www](#)).
40. **Dorak MT**, Yee LJ, Tang J, Shao W, Lobashevsky ES, Jacobson LP, Kaslow RA. HLA-B, -DRB1/3/4/5 and -DQB1 gene polymorphisms in human immunodeficiency virus-related Kaposi's sarcoma. *Journal of Medical Virology* 2005;76(3):302-10.
41. **Dorak MT.** Book Review: Stem Cell Transplantation for Hematologic Malignancies by RJ Soiffer. *Pediatric Hematology and Oncology* 2005;22(3):263-4.
42. Kaslow RA, **Dorak MT**, Tang J. Influence of host genetic variation on susceptibility to HIV type 1 infection. *Journal of Infectious Diseases* 2005; 191(suppl 1):S68-S77 ([www](#)).
43. Tang J, Shao W, **Dorak MT**, Li Y, Miike R, Lobashevsky E, Wiencke JK, Wensch M, Kaslow RA, Cobbs CS. Positive and negative associations of human leukocyte antigen (HLA) variants with the onset and prognosis of adult glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention* 2005;14(8):2040-4 ([www](#)).
44. Shao W, Lazaryan A, **Dorak MT**, Penman-Aguilar A, Wilson CM, Margolick JB, Goedert JJ, Prins M, Tang J, Kaslow RA. Cohort- and time-specific associations of CTLA4 genotypes with HIV-1 disease progression. *AIDS* 2006;20(12):1583-90.
45. **Dorak MT**, Shao W, Machulla HKG, Lobashevsky ES, Tang J, Park MH, Kaslow RA. Conserved extended haplotypes of the major histocompatibility complex: further characterization. *Genes & Immunity* 2006;7(6):450-67.
46. **Dorak MT.** Commentary: HFE H63D variant and leukemia. *Leukemia & Lymphoma* 2006;47(11):2269-79.
47. Pearce MS, Hammal DM, **Dorak MT**, McNally RJQ, Parker L. Paternal occupational exposure to pesticides and/or herbicides as risk factors for cancer in children and young adults. A case-control

- study from the North of England. *Archives of Environmental and Occupational Health* 2006;61(3):138-44.
48. **Dorak MT**, Pearce MS, Hammal DM, McNally, RJQ, Parker L. Examination of gender effect in birth weight and miscarriage associations with childhood cancer. *Cancer Causes & Control* 2007;18(2):219-228.
 49. **Dorak MT**. Genotyping with PCR: how to choose the right approach? *The Scientist* 2007;21(6):70-72 ([www](#)).
 50. **Dorak MT**, McNally RJQ, Parker L. Childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia and infections (letter). *American Journal of Epidemiology* 2007;166(3):364-5 ([www](#)).
 51. Pearce MS, Hammal DM, **Dorak MT**, McNally RJQ, Parker L. Paternal occupational exposure to electro-magnetic fields as risk factors for cancer in children and young adults. A case-control study from the North of England. *Pediatric Blood & Cancer* 2007;49(3):280-6.
 52. Magnanti BL, **Dorak MT**, Parker L, Craft AW, James PW, McNally RJ. Sex-specific incidence and temporal trends in solid tumours in young people from Northern England, 1968-2005. *BMC Cancer* 2008;8:89 ([www](#)).
 53. Magnanti BL, **Dorak MT**, Parker L, Craft AW, James PW, McNally RJ. Sex-specific incidence and temporal trends in leukaemia and lymphoma in young people from Northern England, 1968-2005. *Haematologica* 2008;93(9):1438-40 ([www](#)).
 54. Ucisik-Akkaya E & **Dorak MT**. A study of natural killer cell lectin-like receptor K1 gene (KLRK1 / NKG2D) region polymorphisms in a European population sample. *Tissue Antigens* 2009; 73(2):177-183
 55. Magnanti BL, **Dorak MT**, Parker L, Craft AW, James PW, McNally RJ. Geographical analysis of thyroid cancer in young people from Northern England: Evidence for a sustained excess amongst females in Cumbria. *European Journal of Cancer* 2009;45:1624-9.
 56. Wang JH, Zheng X, Ke X, **Dorak MT**, Shen J, Boodram B, O'Gorman M, Hershow R, Beaman K, Cotler SJ, Rong L. Ethnic and geographical differences in HLA associations with the outcome of hepatitis C virus infection. *Virology Journal* 2009;6:46 ([www](#)).
 57. Do TN, Ucisik-Akkaya E, Davis CF, Morrison BA, **Dorak MT**. TP53 R72P, MDM2 SNP309 and DAXX polymorphisms in modification of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia susceptibility. *Cancer Genetics Cytogenetics* 2009;195(1):31-6.
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