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Education Information

Doctorate, North Carolina State University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, United States Of America 2003 - 2007

Undergraduate, Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey 1997 - 2000

Research Areas

Agricultural Sciences, Agriculture, Life Sciences, Plant Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Natural Sciences

Academic Titles / Tasks

Professor, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, ZİRAAT FAKÜLTESİ, TARIMSAL BİYOTEKNOLOJİ BÖLÜMÜ, 2023 - Continues
Associate Professor, Eskisehir Osmangazi University, ZİRAAT FAKÜLTESİ, TARIMSAL BİYOTEKNOLOJİ BÖLÜMÜ, 2021 - 2023

Associate Professor, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Mühendislik Fakültesi, Biyomühendislik Bölümü, 2019 - 2021

Assistant Professor, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Mühendislik Fakültesi, Biyomühendislik Bölümü, 2015 - 2019

Academic and Administrative Experience

Head of Department, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Mühendislik Ve Mimarlık Fakültesi, Biyomühendislik, 2018 - 2020

Courses

Doctorate

İleri Mikroskop Teknikleri, Doctorate, 2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023

Tarimsal Biyoteknolojide Güncel Yenilikler, Doctorate, 2024 - 2025, 2023 - 2024

Postgraduate

Lignoselülozik Biyoteknoloji, Postgraduate, 2024 - 2025, 2023 - 2024

Undergraduate

Enzimoloji, Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023

Mikrobiyoloji, Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023

Mikrobiyal Biyoteknoloji, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025, 2023 - 2024

Endüstriyel Biyoteknoloji, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025, 2023 - 2024

Moleküler Hücre Biyolojisi, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025, 2023 - 2024

Published journal articles indexed by SCI, SSCI, and AHCI

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TURKISH JOURNAL OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC SCIENCES, vol.24, pp.1-9, 2024 (SCI-Expanded)
- II. **Glycome profiling and immunohistochemistry uncover changes in cell walls of Arabidopsis thaliana roots during spaceflight**
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- III. **Monoclonal antibodies against methyl glucuronoxylan epitopes for understanding xylan structure and modification**
AVCI U.
TURKISH JOURNAL OF BOTANY, vol.47, no.3, 2023 (SCI-Expanded)
- IV. **Cell Wall Glycan Changes in Different Brachypodium Tissues Give Insights into Monocot Biomass**
Avci U.
Fermentation, vol.9, no.1, pp.52-62, 2023 (SCI-Expanded)
- V. **A Flat Embedding Method to Orient Gravistimulated Root Samples for Sectioning**
AVCI U., Nakashima J.
PLANT GRAVITROPISM, vol.2368, pp.153-163, 2022 (SCI-Expanded)
- VI. **Effects of Extractive Ammonia Pretreatment on the Ultrastructure and Glycan Composition of Corn Stover**
Avci U., Zhou X., Pattathil S., da Costa Sousa L., Hahn M. G., Dale B., Xu Y., Balan V.
Frontiers in Energy Research, vol.7, 2019 (SCI-Expanded)
- VII. **Desirable plant cell wall traits for higher-quality miscanthus lignocellulosic biomass**
da Costa R. M. F., Pattathil S., AVCI U., Winters A., Hahn M. G., Bosch M.
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- VIII. **The alpha-Aurora Kinases Function in Vascular Development in Arabidopsis**
Lee K., Utku A., Qi L., Wang H.
PLANT AND CELL PHYSIOLOGY, vol.60, no.1, pp.188-201, 2019 (SCI-Expanded)
- IX. **Changes in the abundance of cell wall apiogalacturonan and xylogalacturonan and conservation of rhamnogalacturonan II structure during the diversification of the Lemnoideae**
Avci U., Peña M. J., O'Neill M. A.
Planta, vol.247, no.4, pp.953-971, 2018 (SCI-Expanded)
- X. **Cell wall changes during the formation of aerenchyma in sugarcane roots**
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Annals of Botany, vol.120, no.5, pp.693-708, 2017 (SCI-Expanded)
- XI. **A cell wall reference profile for Miscanthus bioenergy crops highlights compositional and structural variations associated with development and organ origin**
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- XII. **Interactions Between Frankliniella fusca and Pantoea ananatis in the Center Rot Epidemic of Onion (Allium cepa)**

Dutta B., Gitaitis R., Barman A., AVCI U., Marasigan K., Srinivasan R.

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- XIII. **Next-generation ammonia pretreatment enhances cellulosic biofuel production**
Da Costa Sousa L., Jin M., Chundawat S. P. S., Bokade V., Tang X., Azarpira A., Lu F., Avci U., Humpula J., Uppugundla N., et al.
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- XIV. **Immunolocalization of cell wall carbohydrate epitopes in seaweeds: presence of land plant epitopes in *Fucus vesiculosus* L. (Phaeophyceae)**
Raimundo S. C., Avci U., Hopper C., Pattathil S., Hahn M. G., Popper Z. A.
Planta, vol.243, no.2, pp.337-354, 2016 (SCI-Expanded)
- XV. **Plant biomass: Insights from imaging cell walls using molecular probes**
Avci U.
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- XVI. **Loss of function of folylpolyglutamate synthetase 1 reduces lignin content and improves cell wall digestibility in *Arabidopsis***
Srivastava A. C., Chen F., Ray T., Pattathil S., Peña M. J., Avci U., Li H., Huhman D. V., Backe J., Urbanowicz B., et al.
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- XVII. **Xyloglucan, galactomannan, glucuronoxylan, and rhamnogalacturonan I do not have identical structures in soybean root and root hair cell walls**
Muszyński A., O'Neill M. A., Ramasamy E., Pattathil S., Avci U., Peña M. J., Libault M., Hossain M. S., Brechenmacher L., York W. S., et al.
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- XVIII. **Pathways of bacterial invasion and watermelon seed infection by *Acidovorax citrulli***
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- XIX. **Galactose-depleted xyloglucan is dysfunctional and leads to dwarfism in *Arabidopsis***
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- XX. **Activation of miR165b represses *AtHB15* expression and induces pith secondary wall development in *Arabidopsis***
Du Q., Avci U., Li S., Gallego-Giraldo L., Pattathil S., Qi L., Hahn M. G., Wang H.
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- XXI. **A flat embedding method to orient thin biological samples for sectioning**
Avci U., Nakashima J.
Methods in Molecular Biology, vol.1309, pp.13-22, 2015 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXII. **Immunological approaches to biomass characterization and utilization**
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- XXIII. **Changes in Cell Wall Properties Coincide with Overexpression of Extensin Fusion Proteins in Suspension Cultured Tobacco Cells**
Tan L., Pu Y., Pattathil S., AVCI U., Qian J., Arter A., Chen L., Hahn M. G., Ragauskas A. J., Kieliszewski M. J.
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- XXIV. **Loss of *Arabidopsis* GAUT12/IRX8 causes anther indehiscence and leads to reduced G lignin associated with altered matrix polysaccharide deposition**
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- XXV. **Understanding how the complex molecular architecture of mannan-degrading hydrolases contributes to plant cell wall degradation**
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- XXVI. **Transmission of *Pantoea ananatis* and *P. agglomerans*, Causal agents of center Rot of Onion (*Allium***

- cepa), by onion thrips (thrips tabaci) through feces**
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- XXVII. **Cotton Fiber Cell Walls of *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Gossypium barbadense* Have Differences Related to Loosely-Bound Xyloglucan**
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- XXVIII. **An Arabidopsis cell wall proteoglycan consists of pectin and arabinoxylan covalently linked to an arabinogalactan protein**
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Plant Cell, vol.25, no.1, pp.270-287, 2013 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXIX. **4-O-methylation of glucuronic acid in Arabidopsis glucuronoxylan is catalyzed by a domain of unknown function family 579 protein**
Urbanowicz B. R., Peña M. J., Ratnaparkhe S., Avci U., Backe J., Steet H. F., Foston M., Li H., O'Neill M. A., Ragauskas A. J., et al.
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- XXX. **Immunological approaches to plant cell wall and biomass characterization: Immunolocalization of glycan epitopes**
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Methods in Molecular Biology, vol.908, pp.73-82, 2012 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXI. **Immunological approaches to plant cell wall and biomass characterization: Glycome profiling**
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Methods in Molecular Biology, vol.908, pp.61-72, 2012 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXII. **Location of *Acidovorax citrulli* in infested watermelon seeds is influenced by the pathway of bacterial invasion**
Dutta B., Avci U., Hahn M., Walcott R.
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- XXXIII. **The ability of land plants to synthesize glucuronoxylans predates the evolution of tracheophytes**
Kulkarni A. R., Peña M. J., Avci U., Mazumder K., Urbanowicz B. R., Pattathil S., Yin Y., O'Neill M. A., Roberts A. W., Hahn M. G., et al.
Glycobiology, vol.22, no.3, pp.439-451, 2012 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXIV. **Mutations in multiple XXT genes of arabidopsis reveal the complexity of xyloglucan biosynthesis**
Zabotina O. A., Avci U., Cavalier D., Pattathil S., Chou Y., Eberhard S., Danhof L., Keegstra K., Hahn M. G.
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- XXXV. **Application of monoclonal antibodies to investigate plant cell wall deconstruction for biofuels production**
DeMartini J. D., Pattathil S., Avci U., Szekalski K., Mazumder K., Hahn M. G., Wyman C. E.
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- XXXVI. **Perturbation of wood cellulose synthesis causes pleiotropic effects in transgenic aspen**
Joshi C. P., Thammannagowda S., Fujino T., Gou J., Avci U., Haigler C. H., McDonnell L. M., Mansfield S. D., Mengesha B., Carpita N. C., et al.
Molecular Plant, vol.4, no.2, pp.331-345, 2011 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXVII. **Mutation of WRKY transcription factors initiates pith secondary wall formation and increases stem biomass in dicotyledonous plants**
Wang H., Avci U., Nakashima J., Hahn M. G., Chen F., Dixon R. A.
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- XXXVIII. **A Comprehensive Toolkit of Plant Cell Wall Glycan-Directed Monoclonal Antibodies**
Pattathil S., Avci U., Baldwin D., Swennes A. G., McGill J. A., Popper Z., Bootten T., Albert A., Davis R. H., Chennareddy C., et al.

- PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, vol.153, no.2, pp.514-525, 2010 (SCI-Expanded)
- XXXIX. **Monoclonal antibodies against diverse xyloglucan structures as probes for plant cell wall chemistry and ultrastructure**
Tuomivaara S., AVCI U., O'Neill M., Hahn M. G., York W. S.
FASEB JOURNAL, vol.24, 2010 (SCI-Expanded)
- XL. **The Bioenergy Science Center (BESC) and Overcoming Recalcitrance of Populus to Biofuel Production**
Mohnen D., Biswal A., Hao Zhangying H. Z., Sholes T., Gelineo-Albersheim I., Hunt K., Darvill A., Hahn M., Kong Yingzhen K. Y., Zhou Gongke Z. G., et al.
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- XLII. **Two Poplar Glycosyltransferase Genes, PdGATL1.1 and PdGATL1.2, Are Functional Orthologs to PARVUS/AtGATL1 in Arabidopsis**
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MOLECULAR PLANT, vol.2, no.5, pp.1040-1050, 2009 (SCI-Expanded)
- XLIII. **A Specialized Outer Layer of the Primary Cell Wall Joins Elongating Cotton Fibers into Tissue-Like Bundles**
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PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, vol.150, no.2, pp.684-699, 2009 (SCI-Expanded)
- XLIII. **Cysteine proteases XCP1 and XCP2 aid micro-autolysis within the intact central vacuole during xylogenesis in Arabidopsis roots**
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PLANT JOURNAL, vol.56, no.2, pp.303-315, 2008 (SCI-Expanded)
- XLIV. **XND1, a member of the NAC domain family in Arabidopsis thaliana, negatively regulates lignocellulose synthesis and programmed cell death in xylem**
Zhao C., Avci U., Grant E. H., Haigler C. H., Beers E. P.
PLANT JOURNAL, vol.53, no.3, pp.425-436, 2008 (SCI-Expanded)

Articles Published in Other Journals

- I. **Trafficking of Xylan to Plant Cell Walls**
Avci U.
Biomass, vol.2, no.3, pp.188-194, 2022 (Scopus)
- II. **Yüksek Frekanslı Elektromanyetik Radyasyon ve Bitki Gelişimi**
AVCI U.
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Üniversitesi Fen ve Mühendislik Bilimleri Dergisi, vol.1, no.1, pp.68-73, 2020 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)

Books

- I. **Genome Editing of Gene Families for Crop Improvement**
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- II. **A Flat Embedding Method to Orient Gravistimulated Root Samples for Sectioning**
AVCI U., Nakashima J.
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- III. **Bitki Fizyolojisi Laboratuvarı**
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- IV. **A Flat Embedding Method to Orient Thin Biological Samples for Sectioning**
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Papers Published in Refereed Scientific Meetings

- I. **Overcoming and understanding biomass recalcitrance**
Avcı U.
5. AAB PLANTED CONGRESS, Samsun, Turkey, 30 October - 01 November 2024, pp.38
- II. **Understanding Transport Routes of Xylan Polysaccharide to Plant Cell Walls**
AVCI U.
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- III. **Turkish blanket bogs as national biodiversity conservation areas**
AVCI U., AKAR B.
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- IV. **Algal biodiversity of Turkish blanket bogs**
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- V. **Diversity of Plant Cell Walls**
AVCI U.
Eurasian Congress on Molecular Biotechnology, 21 - 23 September 2019
- VI. **Illuminating Plant Cell Walls**
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- VII. **Imaging cell walls of a model grass *Brachypodium distachyon***
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22nd edition of International Conference on Biotechnology, 16 - 17 April 2018
- VIII. **Imaging plant cell walls by using molecular probes**
AVCI U.
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- IX. **Insights from imaging plant cell walls by using molecular probes**
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- X. **The cell walls of *Spirodela polyrhiza* greater duckweed Polysaccharide composition and distribution**
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- XI. **Effects of extractive ammonia pretreatment on the ultrastructure and glycan composition of plant cell walls**
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- XIII. **Insights into plant cell wall structure and dynamics using glycan directed monoclonal antibodies**
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- XIV. **Distribution of cell wall glycans in switchgrass *Panicum virgatum***
AVCI U.

Supported Projects

TURHAN E., GÖZÜKARA Ö., AKAN T., ÜNAL F., AYDOĞAN Ç., ERGİN S., AVCI U., ÖNDER S., ELİBOL İLERİ C., Project Supported by Higher Education Institutions, Mısır Tohumlarında Plazmalanmış Su Ön Uygulamasının Çimlenme Kapasitesi, Tuz Stresine Tolerans ve Fusarium Hastalık Etmenine Etkilerinin İncelenmesi, 2024 - Continues

AVCI U., ELİBOL İLERİ C., Project Supported by Higher Education Institutions, Türkiye'deki Termal Kaynaklardan İzole Edilen Bakterilerin Ürettiği Ksilanaz Enzimlerinin Safılaştırılması, Karakterizasyonu ve Biyoteknolojik Uygulamalarının İncelenmesi, 2023 - Continues

Avcı U., Project Supported by Higher Education Institutions, Çeşitli Stres Faktörlerine Maruz Kalan Alglerin Gübre Kalitesine ve Verimliliğine Etkisi, 2025 - 2025

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Avcı U., TUBITAK Project, Ksilan Polisakkaritinin Bitki Sekonder Hücre Çeperine Taşınma Yollarının İmmünoelektron Mikroskopi Teknikleri Kullanılarak İncelenmesi, 2020 - 2022

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Avcı U., Project Supported by Other Official Institutions, Bitki Hücre Duvarına Özgün Monoklonal Antikorların Teknolojik Transferi, 2016 - 2018

Activities in Scientific Journals

Turkish Journal of Botany, Editor, 2017 - Continues

Metrics

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H-Index (Scopus): 20

Non Academic Experience

Technology Development Zone, Pros Biyoteknoloji, AR-GE, Araştırmacı

University of Georgia, Doktora sonrası araştırmacı

North Carolina State University, Doktora öğrencisi Research Assistant