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I studied Biomedical Sciences at Istanbul University in Turkey and completed my PhD training in medical biology at Istanbul University Medical Faculty in 2010. Concurrently, I worked as an HLA laboratory specialist at the same center, engaging in transplant patient-related work. This experience motivated me for a scientific career in transplantation immunology, leading me to join the renowned laboratory of Prof. Frans Claas in the Netherlands where I obtained my PhD in immunology, in 2017. Currently, I work as a senior post-doctoral scientist in the Department of Immunology at Leiden University Medical Center. My research centers on anti-HLA antibody characteristics as well as alloreactive T and B cells, particularly in the setting of kidney transplantation. In addition to my research activities, I am involved in teaching and supervision of Biomedical Sciences bachelor and master students.