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Aykut Ozkul graduated from Ankara University in 1987 with Doctor of Veterinary Medicine title. He has completed his PhD in 1992 in Graduate School of Health, Ankara University. He joined Shafiqul Chowdury's lab School of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University in Postdoc position in 1999.

His research group focused on Bovine Herpesvirus type-1, Morbillivirus and some Arbovirus infections. The group primarily interested with molecular epidemiology and vaccinology of given virus infections. He and his research group developed Marker BHV-1 vaccine for local use in 2007 for the very first time. In Morbillivirus researches, the main focus of interest is Peste des Petit Ruminants Virus (PPRV), which is highly contagious and devastating disease of small ruminants in the region. He has also been studying intensively some regional zoonotic arbovirus infections having negative impacts also on human health such as West Nile, Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever infections in departmental BSL-3(+) and ABSL-3(+) facilities for last 6 years.

