

To the Scientific Committee

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Of the Executive Director and the

Procurator

of Acibadem City Clinic University

Hospital Tokuda JSC

STATEMENT

from

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regarding the competition for the acquisition of the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 7. “Healthcare and Sports”, professional field 7.1 “Medicine”, and scientific specialty “Orthopedics and Traumatology”, for the needs of the Clinic of Orthopedics and Traumatology of Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda JSC, published in the State Gazette, issue no. 54/04.07.2025.

Subject: Announced competition for acquiring an academic position of “Associate Professor” in the scientific specialty “Orthopedics and Traumatology” for the needs of the Clinic of Orthopedics and Traumatology at Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda JSC – Sofia.

As per Order №15-03-221#2/03.09.2025 of the Executive Director and Procurator of Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda JSC, and in accordance with the protocol of the Scientific Council of the same institution dated 05.06.2025 (Protocol №58/05.06.2025), I have been designated a member of the Scientific Committee. In accordance with Art. 56 (Section III) and Art. 61 (Section IV) of the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital JSC, at the first remote meeting of the Scientific Committee, I was assigned with the task to prepare a statement.

This statement has been prepared in compliance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the Rules for the Conditions and Procedures for Acquiring Academic Degrees and Occupying Academic Positions at Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda JSC, Sofia.

I. Brief Presentation of the Candidate

Dr. Evgeni Vlaev, PhD, was born in 1971. He graduated in Medicine in 1995 from the Medical University of Stara Zagora. He obtained a specialty in Orthopedics and Traumatology in 2004. From 1998 to 2004, he held the positions of Assistant, Senior Assistant, and Chief Assistant in the Department of General Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine, Trakia University, Stara Zagora. Since 2006, Dr. Evgeni Vlaev has been working as a physician at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital JSC, Sofia, in the Clinic of Orthopedics and Traumatology. He is fluent in English and Russian. Since 2019, Dr. Evgeni Vlaev has also been an Assistant at the Faculty of Medicine, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

In 2022, he defended his dissertation titled: "Surgical Treatment of Scoliosis in Childhood – Methods for Evaluation and Analysis of Achieved Results", at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital, Department of General and Special Surgery, thus obtaining the academic degree Doctor (PhD).

In 2025, he published his own monograph titled: "Diagnostic Clarification of Scoliosis – Possibilities, Specificities, Mistakes".

II. Scientific Publications and Teaching Activity

For this competition, Dr. Evgeni Vlaev, PhD, submitted the following in accordance with the Law and Rules for Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria:

- A list and copies (in electronic format) of scientific publications in Bulgarian and international journals, papers, and presentations at international and national conferences, symposiums, and congresses – a total of 32.
 - Among them: 1 monograph, 1 dissertation abstract.
- 22 participations in scientific forums between 2002 and 2025.

According to the official report from the National Library "St. Cyril and St. Methodius", there are 53 citations of his work –

- 3 in Bulgarian sources,
- 50 in international sources:
 - Scopus – 43,
 - Web of Science – 25 (some overlap between the databases).The same number of citations is confirmed by NACID.

Four of the articles submitted for the competition were published in scientific journals with an Impact Factor. According to the author's profile in:

- Web of Science – h-index = 3,
- Scopus – h-index = 4.

In this competition, the following were used:

- 12 articles from the total citations,
 - 6 in the Scopus database,
 - 2 in monographs and collective scientific volumes (peer-reviewed),
 - 4 in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals: 2 in Bulgaria, 2 abroad.

His scientific-research and practical-applied activities are focused on several areas:

1. Introducing a quality indicator for evaluation and analysis of surgical treatment in patients with scoliosis.
2. Development of diagnostic and management algorithms for children with spinal deformities.
3. Introduction and implementation of various surgical techniques for the treatment of severe spinal deformities in children.
4. Introduction and use of intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring and analysis of its effectiveness.
5. Research into potential mechanisms of the primary form of scoliosis – Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis (AIS).
6. Study and analysis of the effects of spinal deformities on the function of other organs and systems.
7. Investigation of the influence of various factors on the indications for surgical treatment of lateral tibial plateau fractures.
8. Introduction of General Medicine training in Bulgaria and the development of programs and guidelines for the work of general practitioners.

Dr. Evgeni Vlaev is actively involved in the training of students, interns, and residents in Orthopedics and Traumatology.

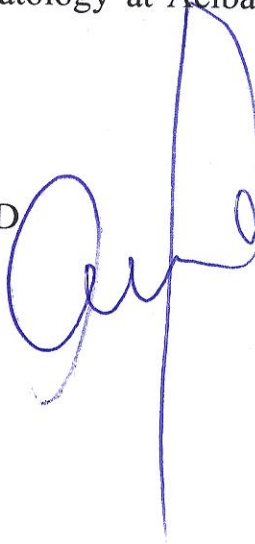
III. Conclusion

Based on the candidate's professional qualifications, the provided documentation, submitted works, and their quantitative and qualitative evaluation as scientific output, I have sufficient grounds to vote positively and

to recommend to the esteemed Committee, as well as the members of the Scientific Council of Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda JSC, that Dr. Evgeni Nedev Vlaev, PhD, be elected to the academic position of Associate Professor in Orthopedics and Traumatology, for the needs of the Clinic of Orthopedics and Traumatology at Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda JSC.

October 6, 2025

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adelin Ivanov, PhD

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