

**TO**

**The Chair of the Scientific Jury  
appointed by Order No 15-05-31/11.02.2025 of  
Executive Director and the Prosecutor  
of AJIBADEM CITY CLINIC TOKUDA HOSPITAL EAD**

**Per your Minutes No. 1**

**I enclose herewith: OPINION on the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sport, professional field 7.1. Pediatrics" for the needs of the Clinic of Pediatrics of "Ajibadem City Clinic of Tokuda University Hospital" EAD, announced in State Gazette No. 105/13.12.2024.**

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The competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in the scientific specialty of Paediatrics is announced on the basis of Article 4, paragraph 2 and Article 29a of the Pediatric Research and Development Act, Article 2, paragraph 2, Article 57, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of the Pediatric Research and Development Act, Article 60, paragraph 1 of the Pediatric Research and Development Act. 2 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at "Ajibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital" EAD, Decision of the Scientific Council (Minutes No. 55/28.11.2024) and announced in SG No. 105/13.12.2024.

According to Article 60 ( Section V) of the Regulations for Development of Academic Staff of "Ajibadem City Clinic TOKUDA UMHAT" EAD, at a meeting of the Scientific Council of "Ajibadem City Clinic TOKUDA UMHAT" EAD dated 28. 11.2024 (Minutes No. 55/28.11.2024) and by Order No. 15-05-31/11.02.2025 of the Executive Director and the Prosecutor of "AJIBADEM CITY CLINIC TOKUDA HOSPITAL" EAD I have been elected as a member of the Scientific Jury.

Dr. Veselina Ivanova Kenderova, Ph.D is only one candidate in the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor.

#### **Presentation of the candidate**

#### **Biographical data and professional development**

Dr. Veselina Ivanova Kenderova obtained her higher education in medicine in 1997 at the Medical University, Sofia.

In the period 1998-1999 she worked as a physician in the Department of Pediatric Surgery, University Hospital Pirogov". From 2001 to 2006 she was a PhD student and subsequently a physician in the Department of Pediatrics in the University Hospital "Alexandrovska", Sofia. Since 2006 and currently she is a senior research assistant 1 st / chief assistant at the Department of Pediatrics in the ASC of Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia.

In 2005 she acquired the specialty "Pediatrics", and in 2015 "Pediatric Pneumology and Phthisiology".

In 2015 she obtained a diploma of "Master of Public Health and Health Management".

In 2006, after successfully defended scientific thesis on "Clinical-immunological studies in immune thrombocytopenic purpura in childhood", she obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

Dr. Kenderova is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Association, the Bulgarian Pediatric Association, the Bulgarian Pediatric Respiratory Society and the European Respiratory Society.

She is fluent in English and Russian.

### **Evaluation of scientific and teaching activity**

Dr. Veselina Ivanova Kenderova, has many years of experience as a lecturer.

From the submitted reference for teaching workload at "Ajibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital" EAD it is evident that for the period from 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2024 there is a teaching workload with postgraduate students in the amount of 1394 sq.h.

A statement of teaching load of a visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Paediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious and Cutaneous Diseases is also enclosed.

Her teaching load for the period 2019-2024 is as follows:

For the academic year 2019/2020: Total teaching load 210 hours, of which 210 are classroom hours.

For the academic year 2021/2022: Total teaching load 420 hours, of which 420 are classroom hours.

For the academic year 2022/2023: Total study time 360 hours, of which 360 are classroom hours.

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Dr Veselina Kenderova meets the requirements for teaching.

### **Evaluation of research activity**

Dr Veselina Kenderova submitted the following scientific papers for the competition:  
Total number - 27.

According to the type of publication they are divided into the following groups:

1. 1 dissertation.

2. 26 scientific publications:

- 11 refereed and indexed in scientific journals - 10 Bulgarian and 1 international;

- 15 in non-refereed and indexed journals, 14 Bulgarian and 1 international

Scientific activity also includes 27 participations in congresses and conferences. In 11 (41%) of them he is the first or only author.

### **Citations:**

396 citations have been identified in the official CMB reference:

- 18 in Bulgarian sources

- 378 in foreign sources: in Scopus (Elsevier) - 151 and Web of Science (Clarivate) - 227.

The calculated h-index in Scopus is 2 and for Web of Science - h-index is 3.

In the present competition, out of all citations, 7 articles were used, of which 1 was in Scopus database, 1 article in monographs and collective volumes with scientific peer review and 5 in non-refereed journals with scientific peer review in Bulgaria.

### **Reference for the competition indicators**

#### **Reference for scientific metrics**

The table with information on the performance of the scientific-metric indicators in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Development of Academic Staff.

Dr. Veselina Kenderova, has a total number of points 560.7, which exceed the required minimum /400 points/.

By indicators:

- Indicator A - 50 points.

-Indicator B - 220.7 points (10 scientific publications in journals that are refereed and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information, with the weight of a habilitation thesis)

-Indicator D - 235 points

- Indicator E - 55 points.

Dr. Veselina Ivanova Kenderova meets the requirements for scientific and teaching activity.

### **Characteristics of scientific activity**

#### **Scientific and applied contributions and directions in scientific research:**

The scientific interests of Dr. Veselina Ivanova Kenderova cover various areas in pediatrics, pneumology, hematology, rheumatology, etc.

According to the topics, the works can be divided into the following groups:

1. Pediatric hematology - hemorrhagic diatheses, anemias in childhood
2. Pediatric pulmonology - acute respiratory infections, bronchial asthma, foreign bodies in the lung, non-traumatic chest pain
3. Pediatric rheumatology - macrophage activation syndrome, myositis in childhood, vasculitis, rare clinical cases, pulmonary manifestations in rheumatic diseases, febrile states
4. General paediatrics, rare cases

### CONCLUSIONS:

Dr. Veselina Ivanova Kenderova is a physician with broad scientific interests, with a especially for new developments in the diagnosis and treatment of children's diseases, in particular pediatric pneumology, hematology and rheumatology.


It is evident from the materials submitted to the competition that she is a trained teacher and specialist with sufficient clinical and organizational experience to handle everyday practical tasks and cases.

Her work is sufficient in volume and quality for the requirements for "Associate Professor" in the specialty of Paediatrics, according to the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedures for the Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and Academic Positions.

Dr Kenderova is an established physician, teacher and researcher.

In conclusion, on the basis of the above, I consider that Dr Veselina Ivanova Kenderova meets the quantitative and qualitative criteria for holding the academic position of Associate Professor in the scientific specialty of Paediatrics in the competition and I recommend the members of the Scientific Jury to vote for the scientific position of Assoc.Professor of the candidate.

10.03..2025  
Sofia

With respect:   
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