

To the
Chairman of the Scientific Jury

Assigned by Order No. 15-03-190#2/24.07.2025
To the Executive Director and the Procurator of
Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda-EAD

I hereby submit: **O P I N I O N**

On the competition for the academic position of "PROFESSOR"
in the scientific specialty "Thoracic Surgery", for the needs of the Clinic of Thoracic
Surgery of Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda-EAD, announced in the State
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The only candidate for this competition, according to the submitted documents, is **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tsvetan Radnev Minchev, MD**.

According to the protocol of the Commission on the Eligibility of Candidates to the announced competition, Assoc. Prof. Tsvetan Minchev has presented all required documents and evidentiary material, in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations for the Implementation of the ZRASRB and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda-EAD.

The candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tsvetan Radnev Minchev is a thoracic surgeon with more than 27 years professional experience, from 2007 to the present he has been working as the Head of the Clinic of Thoracic Surgery at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" Sofia. After completing his higher medical education at the Medical Academy in Sofia in 1989, Assoc. Prof. Minchev has gone through all stages of academic career development - from resident, through assistant and senior assistant to chief assistant at the Clinic of Thoracic Surgery of the SBALBB "St. Sofia" in Sofia. In 1996, he acquired the specialty "General Surgery", and in 2000 - the specialty "Thoracic Surgery".

In 2017, Dr. Tsvetan Minchev defended his dissertation on the topic: "Operative technique with pediculated omentum for the treatment of mediastinitis after cardiac surgery" and acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor of Medicine".

In 2018, he was awarded the academic title "Associate Professor".

Dr. Tsvetan Minchev's teaching experience is expressed in conducting exercises with students from the course in thoracic surgery for students in the 5th year during the period of his work at the SBALBB "St. Sofia" in Sofia. Since 2007, he has been conducting postgraduate training for residents in thoracic surgery. A report on the study load is presented.

Dr. Minchev speaks Russian and English and has excellent computer literacy. He is a member of the professional organization BLS and in professional associations - the Bulgarian Association of Thoracic, Cardiac and Vascular Surgery and the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Pneumology and Phthisiology.

In this competition, Assoc. Prof. Tsvetan Minchev participates with **76** scientific papers after acquiring title "Associate Professor" - 1 monograph, 1 co-authorship in scientific management and 31 scientific articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals are presented (12 in Scopus/Web of Science, of which with IF - 10; 18 - in the National Reference List and 1 - an international non-refereed journal with scientific review). He is a lecturer at 1 program lecture at an international congress and author and co-author of 42 scientific reports and communications with published abstracts.

The total impact factor of these publications amounts to **30.817**. The individual IF is **6.11**.

The candidate's publication image is also very good - **93** citations in foreign sources and **67** in Bulgarian ones.

The Law on Academic Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation have prepared minimum republican quantitative criteria (reflected in the number of points) by groups of indicators that show the compliance for holding academic positions (Appendix 3). Assoc. Prof. Tsv. Minchev has prepared his compliance report according to the tables in Appendix 3. The report is prepared accurately, in detail and precisely and corresponds to reality. According to the data from the report, Assoc. Prof. Minchev collects a total of **3477 points** by groups of indicators.

From the above it is clear that the candidate Assoc. Prof. Minchev repeatedly exceeds the minimum required quantitative criteria and is fully qualified to hold the academic position of "Professor".

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tsvetan Radnev Minchev, MD is an established professional thoracic surgeon. During his career development, he has established himself as a leading thoracic surgeon in Bulgaria, a leader of a modern type, enjoying the respect and friendship of the collegiate community. He is known for his great affinity for the application of innovative surgical methods, constant perfectionism and continuous professional growth of the team he leads.

The facts and evidence presented in this opinion, as well as my personal impressions of the candidate, give me reason to assume that he can fully deserve to hold the academic position of "Professor".

In conclusion, I believe that the candidate Assoc. Prof. Tsvetan Minchev meets all mandatory and specific conditions and scientometric criteria for occupying the academic position "Professor" according to the requirements of the Regulations for the Implementation of the ZRASRB and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda-EAD.

Therefore, I will confidently vote **"FOR" Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tsvetan Radnev Minchev, MD** to win this competition and occupy the academic position **"Professor"**.

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