

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury,  
determined by Order No. 15-05-09#2/30.01.2024  
of the Executive director and the Procurator  
of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD-  
Sofia

## **S T A T E M E N T**

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Subject: competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sport", professional direction 7.1. "Medicine", scientific specialty "Obstetrics and gynecology" for the needs of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD-Sofia, announced in SG No. 98/24.11.2023.

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

Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova-Elenkova graduated in medicine from MU-Sofia in 2004 with the "Golden Hippocrates" award for excellent results. She specializes in obstetrics and gynecology at SBALAG "Mother's House" - Sofia. She acquired a specialty in obstetrics and gynecology in 2009. In parallel with her specialization, she developed and defended a full-time doctorate. She won a

competition for an assistant-professor in obstetrics and gynecology at MU-Sofia and rose to the position of chief assistant-professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at MU-Sofia based at SBALAG "Maichin dom" EAD-Sofia. From 2018, she moved to work at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD-Sofia and at the medical faculty of SU.

### *Research activity*

#### *Scientific indicators*

The overall research activity of Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova – Elenkova includes 35 scientific publications. Of these, 27 are full-text publications in scientific journals. This number includes 4 full-text articles in foreign journals with an impact factor. The others indicated by the candidate papers are not full-text articles, but abstracts from congresses published in journals with IF. Publications in refereed and indexed journals and in peer-reviewed journals are 29. There is 1 chapter in a textbook.

Evidence is presented for 13 citations in foreign publications and 13 citations in Bulgarian sources.

She is involved in a scientific project.

Analyzing the scientific-research and scientific-applied activity of Dr. Maria Atanasova-Elenkova, I appreciate her contributions in the following areas:

High-risk pregnancy

Operative obstetrics

Labor pain relief

Fetal medicine

Diabetes mellitus and pregnancy

Clinical experience with rare diagnoses

Others

- Stem cells
- Ecology - Protection of the environment and human health

### Teaching and learning activity

Dr. Maria Atanasova-Elenkova participated in the training of medical and dental students in Bulgarian and in English with seminars, practical exercises and semester exams until 2018 as an assistant-professor at MU-Sofia. In recent years, he has been teaching at the Faculty of Public Health of Sofia University. From the submitted report on her academic workload, a workload for the last two academic years of just over 400 hours is certified.

### Conclusion

The analysis of the candidate's research and teaching activities shows that she fulfils the conditions and requirements under Art. 24 of ZRASRB, covering the minimum required qualitative and quantitative criteria for the development of the academic staff for the acquisition of the academic position "Associate Professor".

Based on this, I propose that Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova-Elenkova be elected to the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD-Sofia.

29 February 2024

Signature:

/Assoc. Prof. Roumen Dimitrov, PhD/

