

To

The Head of the Scientific Jury,

Assigned in accordance with Order № 245/01.06.2021

from the CEO and Procurement

of Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda hospital

Your protocol № 35/from 18.03.2021r

Attached I submit: **Review**

In relation to the Procedure of awarding the Academic Degree "Associate Professor"

In the Scientific Specialty Cardiology (30147), professional field 7.1 Medicine

For the needs of Clinic of cardiology, Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda hospital

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Standpoint:

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Dr. Valeri Liubenov Gelev is the only candidate for the published in State Gazette № 27/02.04.2021 procedure of awarding the Academic Degree "Associate Professor" for the needs of Clinic of cardiology, Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda hospital. The whole procedure of announcing and handling the contest corresponds to the requirements of the law and the Regulations of Acibadem-City Clinic-Tokuda Hospital, Sofia. The set of materials for the contest were presented according to the rules and the Regulations of Acibadem-City Clinic-Tokuda Hospital and contain substantial quantity of supporting evidence and well organized for the needs of the jury.

Professional development:

Dr. Valeri Liubenov Gelev graduated from high school in 1982 at the English Language School, Sofia. He completed his higher medical education in 1990 at the Medical University - Sofia. In 1995 he acquired the specialty of Internal Medicine, and in 2000 - Cardiology. In 2003 he received a certificate in invasive cardiology. He has been working successively in the Department of Invasive Cardiology at the National Heart Hospital, Head of the Department of Invasive Cardiology at the Institute "Pirogov", and since 2013 he has been Deputy Head of Cardiology Clinic at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital. In 2016 he completed a master's degree in health management at the Faculty of Health Sciences MU-Sofia. Dr. Gelev attends a number of international courses in interventional cardiology and is a member of the Board of the Bulgarian Society of Cardiology (2020-2022), member of the Board and President of Bulgarian Society of Interventional Cardiology (2009 – 2019), member of European Society of Cardiology and etc.

Scientific and research activity:

In this procedure Dr. Gelev presents a total number of 90 scientific titles including his dissertation, 72 original publications and 17 scientific presentations. From them 68 are scientific papers – 32 published in Bulgarian and 36 in international journals. There are two co-authorships in peer-reviewed monographs with an ISBN and one co-authorship in a textbook. There are substantial number of citations – 3749 and impressive impact factor of the publications.

Dr. Gelev's research interests are primarily related to his long-term daily diagnostic and treatment activities in the field of interventional cardiology and are focused on chronic coronary occlusions including the topic of his dissertation, transradial approach, percutaneous interventions for the treatment of left main disease and other complex interventions and etc. The scientific production of the candidate in this procedure is with original character and with a

number of scientific theoretical, confirmatory and with practical importance contributions. There are no indices of repetitions and plagiarism.

Educational activity

Despite his intensive clinical activity Dr. Gelev has high academic and teaching workload. Certificate № 711/18.05.2021r and 327/10.05.2021 are presenting and proving the educational and academic workload of the candidate and is citing hours of teaching of medical students from the Medical Faculty of Sofia University " Sv. Kliment Ohridski" as well as doctors in training and continuing medical education in cardiology and invasive cardiology. The educational workload of Dr. Gelev corresponds to the requirements for receiving the academic title "associate-professor".

Dr. Gelev is a completed and recognized at a National professional level expert, with pedagogic skills in the field, well known and highly respected educator, lector, teacher, moderator and consultant. He has vast language culture that helps him to be up-to-date with scientific literature and to actively participate and be recognized in international scientific forums. The document illustrating coverage of the national requirements for receiving the academic title "associate-professor" based on the specific law is another proof that the total score of points from the scientific metrics for the candidate overflows the basic minimal criteria for the academic position.

Conclusion: Based on the presented documents and the analysis of global scientific and academic educational activities I am convinced that Dr. Valeri Ljubenov Gelev completely meets the obligatory and specific scientific metric criteria for receiving the academic position "associate-professor".

All stated above allows me to recommend to the Honorable Jury to award Dr. Valeri Gelev, MD, PhD the Academic Position "Associate-professor".

20.08.2021


Associate-professor Mariya Tokmakova, MD, PhD