**OPINION**

**from**

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On the scientific works of

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*Subject: Participation in a competition for the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sports", Professional field 7.1. "Medicine", scientific specialty "Cardiovascular Surgery" for the needs of the Clinic of Cardiac Surgery "Acibadem City Clinic MHAT Tokuda" EAD.*

The competition was announced in the State Gazette no. №1 / 04.01.2022.

By order №15-05-72 / 04.04.2022 of the Executive Director and Procurator of Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda EAD, I have been appointed a member of the Scientific Jury for the open competition.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Petrov Nikolov, MD, Head of the Clinic of Cardiac Surgery "Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda" EAD is the only candidate. He has obtained an educational and scientific degree "Doctor", in the scientific specialty "Cardiovascular Surgery"

To participate in the competition, he presents sufficient scientific publications in specialized scientific journals and scientific papers, which do not repeat the ones presented for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" and the academic position "Associate Professor".

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Nikolov presents in the competition 69 scientific papers distributed as follows:

• Dissertation and abstract - 2

• Publications in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world databases for scientific information - 9 before holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" and 2 after holding the academic position of "Associate Professor"

• Publications in Bulgarian scientific periodicals - 61

• Participation in monographs and textbooks -1

A citation report from the Medical Library of the Medical University of Sofia (Issue No. 147 / 14.03.2022) was presented, in which 59 citations were found. There are a total of 59 Bulgarian citations. 160 citations were found in the Scopus database, and 150 citations in the Web of Science database.

The teaching activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Nikolov is related to the performance of his duties as a lecturer and lecturer at Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD. He is a member of scientific commissions and scientific councils. Head of 2 successfully defended doctoral students in the doctoral program "Cardiovascular Surgery" - Dr. Ivilin Todorov and Dr. Asen Kelchev.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Nikolov is one of the leaders in the country, excellently prepared both theoretically and practically cardiac surgeon and university lecturer.

CONCLUSION

The educational qualifications of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Nikolov, his professional development and qualification as a doctor and specialist cardiac surgeon and his research activities show that he fully meets the requirements of ZRASRB and meets national requirements specified as criteria in the Regulations for the development of academic staff of Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda EAD, to hold the academic position of Professor.

I give my positive assessment and recommend to the other respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Nikolov, PhD of the academic position "Professor" in the scientific specialty "Cardiovascular Surgery" for the needs of the Clinic of Cardiac Surgery in "Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda" EAD.

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