**OPINION**

**on**

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**ACIBADEM CITY CLINIC UMBAL "TOKUDA", SOFIA**

Internal member of the Scientific Jury

Pursuant to Order No. 19-844/30.11.2022

by competition for the acquisition of the academic position "Associate Professor"

In the field of higher education 7. "Health and sports", professional direction 7.1 "Medicine" and scientific specialty "Obstetrics and gynecology", for the needs of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" Sofia,

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Subject: Announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology" for the needs of the Department of General and Oncological Gynecology, Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics of "Ajibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD - Sofia.

Candidates Dr. Maria Atanasova, PhD, were admitted to the competition. and Dr. Lachezar Tanchev, PhD

All necessary documents for participation in the competition have been submitted and fully comply with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation. The required diplomas, certificates, lists and copies of scientific publications, references for citations, for completed educational and teaching activities, as well as references for holding the academic position are available.

**I. Brief presentation of the candidates**

Dr. Maria Atanasova, PhD was born in 1980. She completed her medical education in 2004 in MU-Sofia, with excellent success and the "Golden Hippocrates" award. Acquired a specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the MU-Sofia in 2009, and in 2014 defends a dissertation on the topic: "Management of epidural anesthetized birth" at the Ministry of Health of the MU-Sofia, with which he obtained the scientific and educational degree "PhD". In 2014, he graduated with a master's degree in "Public Health and Health Management" at the Faculty of Public Health of the MU-Sofia. In the period 2005-2018, Dr. Atanasova worked at SBALAG "Mother Dom" Sofia, where she successively held the positions of: clinical resident and assistant. From 2018 until now, Dr. Atanasova worked in the Department of Gynecology, Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" Sofia, which from 2022 was transformed into the Clinic of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Lachezar Tanchev, PhD was born in 1981. He completed his medical education in 2006. in MU-Sofia, and in 2011 obtained a diploma for the specialty Obstetrics and Gynecology at the MU-Pleven. In 2012 successfully defended a dissertation on the topic: "Study on selected anatomical structures in the course of minimally invasive radical hysterectomy combined with pelvic lymph dissection", as a full-time doctoral student at MU-Pleven. Since 2009 is an assistant in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, MU-Pleven, and since 2013 is a principal assistant. Since 2017 until now, Dr. Tanchev works in the Department of Gynecology, Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics, respectively from 2022 - in the Clinic of Obstetrics and Gynecology at "Ajibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" Sofia.

**II. Scientific works and educational and teaching activities**

Dr. Maria Atanasova submits 38 scientific papers in the current review competition, of which 30 have been published in Bulgaria, 8 abroad. 29 publications are in full text, of which 2 are abroad. The publications presented in the summary are 9, and 6 of them are foreign. 26 of the scientific works were published in refereed journals, 8 of the publications were in journals with an Impact factor. A total of 39 citations were found in the databases: SCOPUS, Web of Knowledge, Google Scholar, of which 7 citations were in Bulgarian journals and 33 citations were in foreign journals. The so-called Hirsch index (h-index) = 2.

The main directions in the research activity of Dr. Maria Atanasova are: high-risk pregnancy, operative obstetrics, anesthesia, fetal medicine.

Dr. Maria Atanasova has taught Bulgarian and English-speaking medical students, Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists and AG specialists, conducting practical exercises, lectures, basic courses and thematic courses within the scope of her specialty. In addition, she led lecture courses and practical exercises for midwives from the 2nd to the 4th year at the Department of Health Care, according to the official notes presented by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Health, to the Sofia University. For the period 2018-2022 has a study load of 974 hours.

Dr. Lachezar Tanchev presents for review 53 publications in full text, 30 scientific reports from scientific conferences printed in an abstract, 35 reports from scientific conferences without an abstract. Among the presented works related to the doctoral degree are: 3 articles in refereed scientific publications; 3. published conference abstracts (one of which in an indexed collection); 3 participations in conferences without abstract. Unrelated to the doctoral degree are 15 publications in foreign scientific publications referenced in the world database, 6 of which with IF; 38 full-text articles, of which 35 are indexed in global databases and/or in the NACID list); 8 abstracts from foreign conferences, of which 6 in SCOPUS referenced edition; 19 abstracts of scientific reports published in collections (8 of them are in collections from the NACID list). Papers from scientific forums without printed abstracts 35; Co-author of two chapters of the textbook Minimally Invasive Gynecological Surgery.

According to the report submitted by the Central Bureau of Investigation to Sofia University, 22 citations were found in Bulgarian scientific works for Dr. L. Tanchev's articles, 33 citations and 30 citations were found in foreign databases SCOPUS and Web of Science, respectively, and in other foreign online sources a total of 34 citations were found.

The main directions in Dr. Lachezar Tanchev's research activities are mainly in the field of minimally invasive gynecological surgery (robotic and laparoscopic), anatomy of the small pelvis, oncogynecology.

Dr. Lachezar Tanchev taught Bulgarian and English-speaking medical students at MU-Pleven, for the period 2009-2017, leading practical exercises, lecture courses and participating in examination committees. The presented study load is 496 hours and is for the period 2016-2017.

**Conclusion**

All procedures for the announcement of the competition and the admission of candidates to participation in the competition have been followed.

The documents presented by Dr. Maria Atanasova and Dr. Lachezar Tanchev show that both candidates meet all the requirements for holding the academic position of Associate Professor:

- They successively held the academic position of assistant, chief assistant

- They have realized a significant volume and types of teaching activity and know the learning process in detail

- The presented scientific output, sufficient in volume, demonstrates significant original and scientific-applied contributions in practice

- They significantly exceed the national minimum requirements for holding the academic position "Docent" - with the required 450 points, Dr. Atanasova presents completed 964 points, and Dr. Tanchev presents completed 2045 points;

For the stated reasons, I confidently give a positive assessment to both candidates.

In accordance with Art. 1a, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2, as well as Art. 53, paragraph 1 of the Regulations for the development of the academic staff in "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" Sofia, I rank the candidates as follows:

First place: Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev, PhD

Second place: Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova-Elenkova, PhD

I propose to the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the appointment of Dr. Lachezar Tanchev, PhD, to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of Higher Education 7.Health and Sports, Professional Direction 7.1. Medicine and the scientific specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology" for the needs of the Department of General and Oncological Gynecology, Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics of "Ajibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD.

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Prepared the opinion:............................

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