

To Prof. Dr. Kiril Draganov, M.sc.  
Chairman of the Scientific Jury,  
appointed by Order No.19-844/30.11.2022 of the  
Executive Director of "Acibadem City Clinic  
UMBAL Tokuda" EAD

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

by assoc. prof. Roumen Gueorguiev Dimitrov, Ph.D,  
external member of the Scientific Jury, appointed by Order No.19-  
844/30.11.2022 of the Executive Director and Procurator of "Acibadem City  
Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD  
to hold a competition for the academic position of "associate professor" in  
obstetrics and gynecology, announced in the State Gazette No.82/14.10.2022

REGARDING: Procedure for obtaining the academic position  
"associate professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sport" by  
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" EAD.

### **I. PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

The competition for the current procedure was announced in the State  
Gazette No.82/14.10.2022. Two candidates for one position are admitted to  
participate in the competition: Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev, PhD and Dr.  
Maria Gicheva Atanasova - Elenkova, PhD.

### **II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev was born in 1981. He graduated in  
medicine from the Medical University of Sofia in 2007. He specialized in  
obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical University of Pleven and in the  
meantime was enrolled as a full-time doctoral student. Since 2009 he has been  
an assistant-professor in obstetrics and gynecology at the MU - Pleven. He  
acquired a specialty in obstetrics and gynecology in 2011. In 2012 he defended  
his dissertation and obtained the degree of "Philosophy doctor". From 2013 till  
2017 he was a chief assistant-professor at MU – Pleven. From 2016 till 2017 he  
was Head of ward of oncogynecology at "Georgi Stranski" UMBAL - Pleven.  
Since 2017 he has been working at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda"

EAD. He works mainly in the field of operative gynecology, laparoscopic and robotic gynecological surgery.

Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova - Elenkova was born in 1980. She graduated from the Medical University of Sofia in 2004 with full honors and "Golden Hippocrates" award. She specialized in obstetrics and gynecology at SBALAG "Maichin dom" - Sofia and acquired a specialty in obstetrics and gynecology in 2009. From 2010 till 2018 she was an assistant-professor in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical University of Sofia. As a doctoral student at the Department of obstetrics and gynecology she successfully defended her dissertation and obtained the scientific degree of "Philosophy doctor" in 2014. In the same year she completed a second master's degree in public health and health management at the Faculty of Public Health of MU-Sofia. From 2018 till 2021 she was an assistant-professor at the Department of health care of the Faculty of Public Health. Her professional interests and career are mainly in the fields of obstetrics and pregnancy pathology.

### **III. SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY**

Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev has presented 38 publications. 4 of them are not full-text articles but abstracts from congresses and conferences and are not evaluated. Eleven of the articles are in journals with an impact factor. He is the author of two chapters in one textbook. He has 22 citations in Bulgarian sources and 33 citations in foreign publications.

Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova – Elenkova has presented 38 publications. Of them 29 are after the Ph.D. degree. 4 of them are in print. 8 of the presented papers are not full-text articles but abstracts from participation in scientific forums and one is a chapter from a textbook and they are not evaluated. Abstracts published in collections are also included in her thesis. There are two full-text papers in sources with impact factor. The applicant's own scoring of publications is not accurate. Publications in non-medical fields and sources are presented. There are 25 citations: 5 in Bulgarian and 20 in foreign sources. She participated in two scientific projects.

### **IV. EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING ACTIVITY**

Both candidates have significant teaching experience. Dr. Lachezar Tanchev was an assistant-professor and chief assistant-professor in obstetrics and gynecology at MU – Pleven for 8 years.

Dr. Maria Atanasova-Elenkova was an assistant-professor in obstetrics and gynecology at MU-Sofia for 8 years and for another 3 years she was an assistant-professor in health care at the Faculty of Public Health of MU-Sofia.

From the attached documents, there is no evidence that she ever held the academic position of «chief assistant-professor».

## V. CONCLUSION

On the basis of the evidence presented, I consider that both candidates possess the qualities to occupy the academic position of "associate professor". With all other condition being equal, the scientometric indicators of Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev are superior to the indicators of Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova-Elenkova. His number of publications, publications with an impact factor and citations give him a significant advantage.

Therefore, I rank Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev in the first place in the competition and give my positive opinion for assigning him the academic position of "associate professor" in obstetrics and gynecology.

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/Member of the Scientific Jury/

