STATEMENT OF OPINION

on the competition for the academic position of

Associate Professor

In the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty Imaging diagnostics

For the needs of the Department of Imaging Diagnostics, Interventional Radiology and Radiation Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, MU-Varna and

Imaging Diagnostics Clinic at UMHAT "St. Marina" EAD - Varna

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I. Competition procedure:

The competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.1 Medicine, specialty Imaging Diagnostics has been announced for the needs of the Department /Executive Board Varna and the Imaging Diagnostics Clinic at UMHAT "St. Marina" EAD - Varna, published in the State Gazette No. 71 / 26.02.2021.

By Order of the Rector of MU Varna № P-109-179 / 26.04.2021 I am included in the scientific jury as an external member for conducting the said competition, for preparing an opinion.

II. Biographical data:

Dr. Georgi Nikolaev Todorov graduated from the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna in 2013. During his studies he was a member of the Clinic of Imaging Diagnostics and the First Clinic of Surgery of UMHAT "St. Marina" EAD - Varna. From 2014 to 2018 he was a specialist at the Imaging Diagnostics Clinic in the same hospital, and from 2014 to the present he has been appointed to the position of "Resident Physician" in the Angiography Sector at the same Clinic. In 2016 he defended his dissertation on "Interventional approaches and diagnosis of malignant diseases of the hepatobiliary system" and acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor." From 2013 to 2016 Dr. Todorov was a part-time lecturer at MU Varna, from 2016 to 2018 he was an Assistant- Professor, from 2018 he has been holding the academic position of "Chief Assistant- Professor." In 2019 he acquired the specialty "Imaging Diagnostics. He has taken courses and specializations in Bulgaria and abroad.

III. Scientometric indicators

In connection with the announced competition Dr. Georgi Todorov presents 22 full-text publications, 12 of them in publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information / WOS, SCOPUS /, as one is in print, and in two Dr. Todorov is independent author. To **indicator G8** are presented 10 papers published in unreferred journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes, of which 3 are independent authors. A chapter from the collective monograph "Vascular Surgery-Peripheral Arteries", published by MU Varna 2015 with ISBN: 978-619-7137-38-5, was presented and published. The minimum requirements, according to the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria on the scientometric **indicators B** and **D** for holding the academic position "Associate Professor" have been met.

According to **indicator A**, Dr. Todorov has presented a dissertation for obtaining an educational and scientific degree "Doctor", which fulfills the minimum requirements.

Dr. Todorov has a total of 4 citations, three of them on indicator D10 in publications, referenced and indexed in a world-famous database, which meets the minimum requirements, according to the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

IV. Teaching activity:

Dr. Todorov actively participates in the teaching activities of the Department, leading exercises for medical students, as well as lectures on imaging of students majoring in nursing, midwifery and physiotherapy. He also leads a lecture course for students majoring in radiography in imaging anatomy, basics of imaging, clinical imaging, image processing and an elective course in ultrasound diagnostics. His study load meets the standard, which by decision of the AC of MU-Varna, Protocol № 30 / 11-04-2011 is within 220 hours.

V. Contributions:

Dr. Georgi Todorov's contributions of are cognitive, scientifically applied and theoretical-methodological character and are related to interventional imaging, as well as to the multidisciplinary approach in different groups of diseases - oncological, neuroradiological, cardiovascular. The main emphasis is on the diagnosis and treatment of oncological diseases of the liver and gastrointestinal tract.

VI. Conclusion:

The scientometric indicators, the active teaching methods, as well as Dr. Todorov's contributions meet the requirements according to the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the Regulations for development of the academic staff of MU-Varna, covering the relevant requirements. In connection with the above, I recommend to the members of the esteemed Scientific Jury to vote and award Dr. Georgi Nikolaev Todorov, MD. the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Date: 8.06.2021Statement of opinion presented byPlovdivAssociate Professor D-r Nikoleta Traykoya PhD