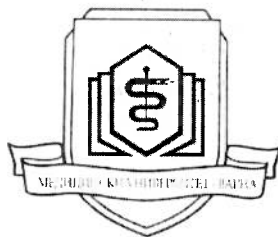


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REVIEW

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REGARDING: Competition for "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education

7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, specialty "General and Clinical Pathology", at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of "General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology", MU-Varna and Clinic "Clinical Pathology" at UMBAL "St. Marina" EAD - Varna, according to an announcement in State Gazette, no. 7 of 23.01.2024. By order of the Rector of MU - Varna No. P-109-100/22.03.2024, I was elected as an internal member of the Scientific Jury, and on the basis of Protocol No. 1/01.04.2024 from a meeting of the Scientific Jury, I am assigned to present an opinion.

Documents for the competition were submitted by one candidate - Dr. Hristo Boychev Popov, MD, chief assistant professor at the Department of General and

Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology, at the Medical University - Varna.

I. Analysis of the candidate's career development

Dr. Hristo Boychev Popov was born in 1986 in the town of Provadia. He completed secondary education at "Dimitar Blagoev" Secondary School in the same town. In 2011, he graduated from the Medical University - Varna, majoring in "Medicine" (diploma with reg. no. 1495/22.11.2011). He applied and was selected through a competition the same year as an assistant professor in the Department of "General and Clinical Pathology" at the Medical University - Varna. Dr. Popov conducts practical classes, sometimes lectures on General and Clinical Pathology for medical and dental students, as well as practical classes and lectures for laboratory assistants, nurses and assistant pharmacists from the College of MU-Varna. On 01.06.2017, he acquired the specialty "General and Clinical Pathology". As a doctor-assistant professor in the General and Clinical Pathology Clinic of UMBAL "St. Marina", Varna, he assists with the diagnostic process in the hospital, using both fundamental methods of biopsy practice and expressing interest in renal puncture biopsies, transplantational pathology and skin biopsies requiring examination by immunofluorescence microscopy.

In 2020, he obtained a doctorate with a dissertation on: "Prognostic and predictive morphological factors in urothelial carcinoma of the bladder".

He is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Union, the Bulgarian and European Society of Pathology and the Society of Renal Pathology.

II. Scientific indicators

The candidate has submitted a total of 28 full-text publications for evaluation, distributed as follows:

- dissertation work for the acquisition of the ONS "doctor" on the topic: "Prognostic and predictive morphological factors in urothelial carcinoma of the bladder", presented in 2020.
- 10 full-text scientific publications in journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (Web of Science and Scopus), recognized by NACID at the Ministry of Education and Science – in place of a habilitational monographic dissertation
- 9 full-text scientific publications (G7) in refereed and indexed world-renowned databases of scientific information
- 8 full-text articles (G8) in non-refereed publications
- one article, beyond the minimum scientometric requirements
- Reports and posters (total of 19) from scientific forums

Dr. Popov's publication history thematically covers a wide range of scientific fields in pathology, with the preeminence of diseases of the excretory system. The main goal of the dissertation work, which is also related to pathology of the excretory system, is to look for microscopic stigmata on the frequent recurrences after the surgical removal of urothelial carcinoma of the bladder. Dr. Popov suggests and demonstrates that tumor-associated tissue eosinophilia and/or mastocytosis are statistically significant factors in the tumor environment that relate to the tendency for local recurrence of these tumors.

Dr. Popov has several articles amongst a scientific collective that examines the morphological changes in various organs of the widely discussed topic of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

Most of the scientific developments were carried out with authors from different medical specialties, which testifies to an interdisciplinary approach and Dr. Popov's ability to work in a team setting.

The scientometric indicators in the documentation submitted by the candidate and the Academic reference prepared by the Library of the Medical University - Varna in comparison to the requirements of the Regulation for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor":

<i>GROUP OF INDICATORS</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>(number of points)</i>	<i>Candidate (number of points)</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Indicator 1</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>Indicator 2</i>	<i>It is not required</i>	
<i>G</i>	<i>Indicator 3 or 4</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>102.57</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>Sum of indicators 5÷9</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>237.95</i>
<i>E</i>	<i>Sum of indicators 10÷12</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>150</i>

The table shows that the candidate meets the regulatory requirements for the position under the competition with a total ***Impact Factor - 17.691***.

III. Teaching and learning activity

The Medical University - Varna has issued Dr. Popov a Certificate (No. 099-645/ 31.01.2024) demonstrating more than 11 years of teaching experience.

IV. Therapeutic and diagnostic activity

Dr. Popov has mastered the fundamental methods of diagnostic pathology and puts in significant efforts to follow the innovations in the specialty by participating in various events to maintain his qualification in the country and abroad - diagnostic seminars, pedagogical courses, studying methods and diagnostic algorithms, for which he has provided relevant documentation. Dr. Popov has particularly valuable knowledge in immunofluorescence microscopy, which is an indispensable method in the

morphological diagnosis of renal and dermatological biopsies.

UMBAL "Sveta Marina - Varna" certifies (No. 54/18.02.2024) that Dr. Popov has 12 years of work experience in the specialty.

V. CONCLUSION

The documentation submitted for the Competition is in full volume and meets the procedural requirements for occupying the relevant academic position, and the candidate's scientific output corresponds to and exceeds the minimum criteria.

For the reasons stated, I vote positively for Dr. Hristo Boychev Popov to receive the academic position of "associate professor" for the needs of the Department of "General and Clinical Pathology" of the University of Medicine - Varna.

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