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## Statement

From prof. D-r. Vasil Markov Bozhkov MD, PhD, DSc.  
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According: dissertation of d-r Nikolay Veselinov Nikolov,  
PhD student at Department of “Surgery“, MU - Varna, for awarding ESD “*doctor*”  
in scientific specialty **Surgery – 03.01.37.**

**“ Peculiarities of exocrine pancreatic function after duodenopancreatic  
resection for adenocarcinoma ”**

Scientific supervisor Assoc prof. D-r Plamen Chernopolsky MD, PhD, DSc.

## **CV**

**2006** - graduates medicine Medical University – Varna.

**2006 - 2013** - doctor in Department of surgery MHAT „Saint Anna “– Varna.

**2014** – specialty „Surgery “.

**2014 - 2015** – chief of surgical team in Department of surgery MHAT „Saint Anna “– Varna.

**2015 - 2022** surgeon in Department of surgery MHAT – Varna MMA.

**2022** chief of surgical team in Department of surgery MHAT „Saint Anna “– Varna.

## **Postgraduate studies:**

**2009** „ Laparoscopic colo-rectal surgery “in Paris, France

**2023** course „ Hepatocellular carcinoma – a multidisciplinary approach “.

He regularly participates in national scientific congresses, conferences and symposiums on surgery.

**Foreign languages** – oral and written English and french

**Membership:** BSS, BMU.

The dissertation is written in 118 standard pages, includes nine chapters: Literature Review, Aim, Tasks, Material and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions, Conclusion, Contributions. It is illustrated with 43 tables, 39 figures and extensive photographic material. The bibliography includes 258 literary sources, of which 5 in Cyrillic and 253 in Latin.

The literature review occupies 33 pages. In it, the dissertation author presents in depth the peculiarities of exocrine pancreatic function after pancreaticoduodenal resection for adenocarcinoma, which is currently insufficiently described in the world literature. At the end of the literature review, he points out eight conclusions that are the basis for the goal and objectives of the dissertation.

The dissertation candidate sets a clearly formulated aim: "To study exocrine function after pancreaticoduodenal resection for neoplasms, postoperative survival, quality of life, the relationship between maldigestion, tumor growth and metastasis, as well as the correlation between

the types of reconstructive techniques (pancreatogastro- and pancreaticojejunostomosis) and enzyme activity."

To achieve this goal, five tasks have been formulated and the development of the dissertation work follows their implementation.

Dr. Nikolov performed a retrospective and prospective analysis of 92 patients with adenocarcinoma of the head of the pancreas, out of a total of 121 duodenopancreatic resections performed for neoplasms hospitalized at the Clinic of Surgery of the Varna General Hospital at the Military Medical Academy, during the period 2017 - 2022.

The candidate solves the assigned tasks, applies non-operative methods: clinical, laboratory and instrumental; operational and statistical methods.

The presented number of patients is completely sufficient and allows for a statistically reliable analysis.

The conclusions are six, and are directly related to the main goal and objectives, and are a natural conclusion of the dissertation.

The contributions are five in number and are of a scientific-applied nature.

The abstract consists of 88 pages and briefly and accurately reflects the essence of the dissertation work. It is illustrated with rich photographic material.

The dissertation work of Dr. Nikolay Nikolov is of high scientific and practical value, meets all scientific criteria, has its practical value, which gives me the right to propose to the esteemed Scientific Jury to award Dr. Nikolay Veselinov Nikolov the educational and scientific degree of "DOCTOR"

25.08.2025.

Varna

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