

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury  
Determined by Order No. R-109-203/16.04.2025.  
To the Rector of MU-Varna

### **Opinion**

**By Prof. Dr. Nikola Yordanov Kolev, MD, PhD, DSc**

Internal member of the Scientific Jury, according to Order No. R- 109-  
203/16.04.2025 of the Rector of MU - Varna

**Subject :** procedure for occupying the academic position of " **Professor** " in the specialty "Urology" professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, - **one** issue, 1 full-time position for the Department of Urology, Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University - Varna and 0.5 full-time position for the Clinic of Urology at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - Varna,

#### **Information about the procedure:**

Following the meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine at MU–Varna (Protocol No. 38/14.04.2025) and Order No. R-109-203/16.04.2025 of the Rector of MU–Varna, I was appointed as an internal member of the Scientific Jury. With Protocol No. 1 of the Jury's first meeting, I was assigned to prepare an opinion. Only one candidate submitted application materials – Assoc. Prof. Tosho Yordanov Ganey, MD, PhD, from the Department of Urology at MU–Varna and the Urology Clinic at University Hospital "St. Marina" – Varna. All required documentation was submitted in paper and electronic format, in compliance with the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), its Implementation Rules, and the internal regulations of MU–Varna.

I present the following opinion:

#### **1. Biographical data**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tosho Yordanov Ganey was born on 24.11.1963. He graduated from the Medical University – Varna in 1993. Between 1994 and 1999, he specialized in Urology at the Urology Clinic of MHAT "St. Anna" – Varna. His academic career has progressed through all ranks, culminating in his appointment as Head of the Department of Urology at MU–Varna in 2024 and as Head of the Urology Clinic at University Hospital "St. Marina".

In 2008, he defended a PhD thesis on hormonal therapy in prostate cancer, earning the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”. In 2013, he was appointed to the academic position of “Associate Professor” in Urology. Since 2017, he has led the Urology Unit at the Department of Surgical Diseases. In 2023, he successfully defended a Doctor of Medical Sciences dissertation entitled “Treatment of High-Risk Prostate Cancer”.

Prof. Ganev is a member of the Bulgarian Urological Association and the European Association of Urology.

## **2. Academic and teaching career development includes:**

Assoc. Prof. Ganev has over 26 years of teaching experience at MU–Varna. He is actively involved in the education of undergraduate students, residents, and doctoral candidates through lectures, practical training, and individual mentorship. He has completed specializations and trainings both in Bulgaria and abroad in endourology, laparoscopy, and robot-assisted surgery (CMR Versius and Da Vinci Xi surgical systems). .

## **3. Scientific Research**

His scientific output includes:

- Two dissertations (for the degrees of PhD and Doctor of Medical Sciences)
- A habilitation thesis – monograph
- Numerous publications and presentations in leading Bulgarian and international journals, including those indexed in Scopus and Web of Science
- A published book based on his dissertation research
- Participation in scientific conferences with oral and poster presentations
- 23 citations in the international scientific literature
- Involvement in both clinical and research projects

According to the official evaluation, the candidate’s total score is 280.67 points, exceeding the minimum required 200 points. Of these, 168.67 points are from indicator 7, with an additional 345 points from citations – clearly reflecting the scientific impact and relevance of his work.

#### 4. Contributions

Assoc. Prof. Ganev's principal contributions lie in the field of oncurology, especially in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer, optimization of hormonal therapy, and the integration of minimally invasive and innovative surgical techniques into clinical practice. Notably, he has played a key role in the development and implementation of laparoscopic and robot-assisted surgery in everyday urological care. His focus on individualized treatment approaches, statistical accuracy, and methodological rigor makes his work highly respected in the academic community.

#### **In conclusion:**

In light of the above, I find that Assoc. Prof. Tosho Yordanov Ganev, MD, PhD, fully meets the requirements and possesses the academic and professional qualifications necessary to occupy the academic position of "Professor" in the specialty "Urology". I hereby give my positive evaluation and recommend to the Scientific Jury that his candidacy be approved.

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