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To

The scientific jury,

determined by order R-109-71/28.01.2026

of the Rector of the Medical University"

Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna

Prof. Dr. Dimitar Raykov, PhD.

To your protocol No. 52 of 12.01.2026

Attached I present

OPINION

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deyan Lyudmilov Dzhenkov, MD, PhD.

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Subject: Competition for "professor" in the field of higher education

7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Oncology", at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Oncology, Clinic of Medical Oncology at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - Varna, according to an announcement in the State Gazette, issue 102 of 28.11.2025, by order of the Rector of MU - Varna No. P-109-71/28.01.2026, I am elected as an internal member of the Scientific Jury, and on the basis of Protocol No. 1 of the Scientific Jury meeting, I am appointed to prepare an opinion.

Documents for the competition were submitted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eleonora Dimitrova-Gospodinova, MD at the Medical University - Varna.

I. Analysis of the candidate's career development

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eleonora Dimitrova-Gospodinova was born on March 9, 1972 in the city of Varna.

In 1996, he graduated with a Master's degree in Medicine with full honors.

Its scientific development includes:

Doctoral studies (2014 – 2017): Full-time doctoral student at the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at MU-Varna. Defended a dissertation on the topic "Expression of Beclin-1 as a marker for autophagy and its prognostic and predictive value in patients with colorectal carcinoma."

She started as an assistant professor in January 2015. She was elected as a chief assistant professor in February 2018 and as an associate professor on October 17, 2018. She currently holds the position of "Head of Department" in Oncology.

The candidate has gone through all the steps - from assistant professor to associate professor and head of department, which proves administrative and academic capacity. He has three clinical specialties and provides an interdisciplinary view of oncological diseases (internal medicine, pulmonology and oncology). An extremely high indicator for staff management – a total of 11 doctoral students, which is a clear indicator of the creation of its own scientific school in the department.

II. Scientific indicators

Assoc. Prof. Dimitrova's scientific output includes over 60 publications with a total volume of over 500 pages. A key element in the competition is the submitted monographic work:

Monograph (2025): "Personalized approach in patients with colorectal cancer", ISBN: 978-619-221-561-3. The work analyzes the molecular heterogeneity of the disease and modern genomic technologies such as NGS and CRISPR- Cas platforms.

1. Scientific publications (Group D)

Total points: 247.7 points (with a required minimum of 200 points)

Publications in refereed journals (G7): 11 issues (86.70 p.), including articles in prestigious journals such as Healthcare, Oncology Reviews , Cancer Reports and Journals of Clinical Oncology. Publications in non-refereed journals (G8): 10 issues (161 pp.) in publications such as Scripta Scientifica Medica , Thoracic Medicine and Dermato -Oncology

2. Citations (Group D)

Total points: 1695 points (extremely high score)

Number of citations: 113 citations in world-renowned databases (Scopus / Web of Science).

3. Impact Factor (IF) Total IF of publications: 153.00 for the professor competition.

Total IF (all periods): Over 550.00 (including abstracts in journals with very high impact factors such as Journal of Clinical Oncology with IF 4.

The submitted "Report on contributions of scientific works" shows that the candidate has presented 21 publications, of which: 8 in Bulgarian, 14 in English, 4 as an independent author, 17 in co-authorship. The scientific production is structured in several clearly defined thematic areas:

colorectal carcinoma, lung carcinoma, breast carcinoma, modern therapeutic options for solid tumors, genetics and oncology. This thematic arrangement shows a good focus of the scientific profile, with oncological issues dominating with a pronounced clinical-applied character. The reference shows that the majority of the presented works are aimed at: modern systemic therapies in oncology, personalized medicine and molecular profiling, targeted treatment and immunotherapy, genetic diagnostics and genetic counseling, clinical interpretation of imaging and therapeutic results.

From the descriptions presented, it can be seen that a significant part of the publications are in the nature of: review articles, systematization of modern therapeutic algorithms, analysis of results from large international clinical studies, interpretation of new molecular and targeted approaches.

These are undoubtedly useful scientific, applied and educational contributions because: they introduce and systematize current therapeutic standards, support clinical thinking, and are important for transferring international experience into Bulgarian clinical practice.

Projects: Participation in significant research projects, including "LiquidBio" under the MUVE-TEAM project and biomarker research for the Bulgarian population.

Forums: Active participation in national and international conferences (ESMO, Varna Echo, etc.).

III. Educational and teaching activities

The candidate has over 10 years of teaching experience at MU-Varna. The main characteristics of her activity are:

Conducting lectures and practical exercises in "Oncology" and "Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine" for medical students. Training of students and practical exercises of intern doctors during state internship. The study load report confirms her active participation in the educational process of the Faculty of Medicine

IV . Training of personnel (Scientific guidance)

Assoc. Prof. Eleonora Dimitrova-Gospodinova has demonstrated

exceptional results in the training of young scientists. She has been the scientific supervisor of 7 successfully defended doctoral students in the specialty "Oncology":

The list of those who defended their theses includes Dr. Zh. Arabadzhiev, Dr. A. Yanchev, Dr. M. Penkova-Ivanova, Dr. B. Stefanova, Dr. S. Todorov, Dr. R. Gencheva and Dr. T. Popov. In addition, she is the supervisor of a number of graduate students at MU-Varna

V. CONCLUSION

The candidacy of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eleonora Georgieva Dimitrova-Gospodinova fully satisfies the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act and the Regulations of MU-Varna. With her significant scientific output (over 60 publications and a monograph), many years of teaching experience and an impressive number of doctoral students (7 people), she is fully prepared to take up the position.

I propose to the esteemed scientific jury to elect Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eleonora Dimitrova-Gospodinova, MD , for the academic position of "Professor" in the specialty "Oncology".

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