

STATEMENT

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According to the procedure for obtaining the educational and scientific degree “Associate Professor” in the scientific specialty “Oncology”, in the field of higher education “Health and Sports”, professional field 7.1. Medicine, at the "Oncology" department, at the MU - Varna for teaching Bulgarian and English, announced in the state newspaper 32/26.04.2022, only candidate in the announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor".

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Pursuant to Art. 4 (2) and Art. 25 and Art. 2, Art. 57 (2) of the Regulations for the Implementation of the requirements of the Law for the development of the academic staff of Republic of Bulgaria and MU-Varna (protocol No. № 67/20.06.2022) for holding a competition and order of the Rector of MU-Varna No. P-109-259/23.06 2022 I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury. At the remote first meeting of the scientific jury, I was chosen to present an opinion on the ongoing competition.

General description of the submitted materials for the competition:

The represented by the chief assistant Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev, PhD, documents for the competition are in accordance with the requirements of the Law for the development of the academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and MU-Varna, regarding the procedure for awarding academic position "Associate professor". All required materials are available, informative, very well structured.

I. Biographical information of the candidate:

- Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev, MD, graduated from Medical University Stara Zagora as a Master of Medicine - Doctor 1987/1993 (Diploma No. 976/23.111993);
- During the period 1997-1999, he specialized in Pediatrics at the Sofia Medical University. After successfully passing a competitive exam, he acquired a specialty with diploma No. 006053 from 01.06.1999;
- During the period from 2009 to 2014, he specialized in Medical Oncology at the Medical University of Sofia, acquiring a specialty with diploma No. 014399 dated 10.07.2014;
- He is defending a doctor degree of independent preparation at the Department of "Toxicology and Pharmacology" at the Sofia University on the topic: "Comparative clinical study of the effect of combined chemotherapy with cisplatin on plasma antioxidant capacity in patients with lung cancer";
- From 1993 to 1997, he worked as a pediatrician in the District Hospital in Sliven;
- During the period 1999 to 2002, he worked as a pediatrician in Sofia city;
- During the period 2002 to 2005, he worked as a pneumophtisiatrist in the Lung Hospital in Sliven;
- From March 2005 to Decembcer 2005 he worked as a resident doctor - chemotherapist at SBALOZ, Sofia
- From December 2014 to March 2016, he was the Head of the Department of Medical Oncology at UMHAT "St. Ivan Rilski", Sofia;
- In the period from March 2016 to August 2019, he was a specialist doctor at the Department of Medical Oncology at UMHAT "St. Ivan Rilski", Sofia;
- Since August 2019, he is the Head of the Department of Medical Oncology at UMHAT "St. Ivan Rilski", Sofia.

II. Analysis of the scientific activity

Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev, MD, presents for the competition his scientific works, structured in lists, according to the requirements of the Rules of the Medical University of Varna: List of articles in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science, of which such in journals with IF and list of publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective journal volumes. Structurally, the specific publication activity is presented as follows: six articles in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information, and the publications are from interdisciplinary collectives in the field of oncology (five of which are in English).

Scientific indicators are characterized by a total IF= 5.5.

The attached citation report of Dr. Bozhil Robev, MD (source: MU-Sofia library), related to the researched scientific fields proves: 23 citations in the Scopus database; 22 citations in the Web of Science database. Argued evidentiary material is presented, including for the IF of all journals in which there is citation.

III. Dissertation work

Dr. Bozhil Robev, MD, has successfully defended his thesis in the field of oncology – “A comparative clinical study of the effect of combined chemotherapy with cisplatin on plasma antioxidant capacity in patients with lung cancer”, which defines the scientific areas in which the candidate's interests are focused.

IV. Contributions

Scientific contributions are directed in several main scientific directions:

1. SPECT-CT imaging with [99mTc]PSMA-T4 in patients with recurrent prostate cancer
2. Do Mistletoe (*Viscum album* L.) Lectins Influence Isometric Contraction of Non-diseased Human Mesenteric Arteries *ex vivo*?
3. Sarcopenia and high NLR are associated with the development of hyperprogressive disease after second-line pembrolizumab in patients with non-small-cell lung cancer
4. Antineoplastic potential of curcumin (cooperative study in Bulgaria and Germany)
5. Clinical application of SPECT-CT with 99mTc-Tektrotyd in bronchial and thymic neuroendocrine tumors (NETs), Sonya Sergieva 1, Bozhil Robev, Milena Dimcheva, Albena Fakirova, Radka Hristoskova
6. Cancer drug therapy and cardiotoxicity
7. Clodronate - a review of its use in the prevention of bone metastases and complications of bone metastases in patients with breast cancer
8. Medical specialists in health care in the health care system for the period 2005-2016.
9. Diagnostic and therapeutic problems in the modern immunotherapy of malignant diseases
10. PIK3 inhibitors in hormone therapy in breast cancer
11. Gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors

The results of the candidate's scientific research in the competition have their specific applications in clinical practice.

V. Monographic work

Dr. Bozhil Robev, MD, PhD, presents a monographic work on the topic: "NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT".

VI. Teaching activity

In the materials for the competition, Dr. Bozhil Robev, MD, PhD presented the required official reference from MU-Sofia about his personal academic workload in the last three academic years at units with medical-clinical activity. It is reflected in it that Dr. Bozhil Robev, MD, PhD has classroom and non-auditory employment, the required minimum according to the norm.

VII. Conclusion

The provided scientific materials, participation in scientific forums, references for teaching activities of ch. assistant Dr. Bozhil Robev fully **meet the requirements** for the acquisition of the academic position "Associate Professor", defined in the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at MU-Varna. In view of the above, I am convinced that **I give my positive assessment**, proposing to the honorable scientific jury to vote positively for his election to the academic position of **"Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Oncology"**.

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