

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury  
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## OPINION

by Prof. Dr. Deyan Anakievski d.m.

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for a dissertation for the award of a scientific degree "Doctor of Science"  
in the scientific specialty "Urology" of Assoc. prof. Dr. Tosho Yordanov Ganey,  
MD.

Medical University Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, Faculty of Medicine,  
Department of Surgical Diseases

On the topic: "A multimodal strategy for the treatment of high-risk prostate cancer."

The presented dissertation work of Assoc. prof. Dr. Tosho Ganey, MD, is in a form and volume that meets the requirements of the RSARB, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations of the Ministry of Education - Varna. The dissertation work has been discussed, accepted and directed for defense by the Departmental Council of the Department of Surgical Diseases at the Medical University - Varna.

### Brief introduction of the candidate

Assoc. prof. Dr. Tosho Ganey was born in 1963 and graduated in 1993 from higher education - Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, specialty "Medicine". Acquires a specialty in urology in 1999. From 1998, he was elected as an assistant, and from 2008, as a chief assistant at the Department of Surgical Diseases, Department of Urology at the Medical

University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, since 2013 he is an associate professor, and since 2017 head of the Department of Urology". In 2009 obtained a doctorate from the National Academy of Sciences. Conducted numerous specializations in Bulgaria and abroad, regular participation in congresses, chief researcher in over 20 research projects.

The dissertation work of Assoc. Dr. Tosho Ganev d.m. is dedicated to the second most frequent oncological disease in men worldwide and a very debatable topic "multimodal strategy for the treatment of high-risk patients with prostate cancer." Based on the obtained results, a diagnostic-treatment algorithm for behavior in patients with high-risk prostate cancer has been prepared, having real application in clinical practice, striving to unify and facilitate the work of urologists.

The material used for the development of the dissertation is the results of a single-center study of 871 patients who underwent radical prostatectomy, radiotherapy or hormone therapy.

The results and conclusions are obtained based on the comprehensive analysis of information on the literature review, clinical material, analysis and discussion of own results. The conclusions are 7 in number and are well formulated and reflect a significant part of the analyzed sections. They have scientific and applied-practical value.

The contributions made by Assoc. prof. Dr. Tosho Ganev d.m. are a total of 7, which are of an original and scientific-applied nature.

It is clear from the presented reference that 10 scientific articles have been published on the topic of the dissertation, 1 of which in journals with an impact factor. In the publications Prof. Ganev is the 1st author of 2 articles and the second author of 6 articles, which is indisputable proof of his leading role in research. The citations (according to Scopus and Web of Science) of the publications are 10. Assoc. Dr. Ganev was the scientific supervisor of 4 doctoral students. The scientometric analysis shows that the "Requirements"


of the Medical University-Varna for a dissertation for the acquisition of a scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" have been achieved by all indicators.

In conclusion: The dissertation work of Assoc. Dr. Tosho Ganev d.m. "Multimodal strategy for the treatment of high-risk prostate cancer" is presented in a complete and well-structured form, meeting the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria , the Regulations for its application and the Regulations of MU – Varna. Taking into account the topicality and importance of the topic, the volume and method of conducting the research, the processing of the material, the results achieved, the conclusions and recommendations, the contributions of a theoretical and applied nature, I confidently declare to the members of the National Academy of Sciences that I vote "for" (positively) the awarding of scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences", as well as to recommend to the esteemed members of the ZH to vote positively and to award to Assoc. Dr. Tosho Ganev, MD, the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" in the scientific specialty "urology".

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