

To The Chair of the Scientific Jury
Medical University - Plovdiv, Faculty of Medicine
in procedure for defense of a dissertation
for the award of the PhD degree

STATEMENT

by

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Subject: Procedure for the defense of a dissertation for awarding the PhD degree to Dr. Alexander Georgiev Ivanov

1. Procedural Data

By Order No. R-1075/17.02.2026 of the Rector of the Medical University – Plovdiv, I was appointed as an external member of the Scientific Jury.

The candidate was enrolled as a full-time PhD student in the doctoral program “Pathology and Cytopathology” and subsequently dismissed with the right to defend the dissertation.

The submitted documentation complies with the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria and the internal regulations of the Medical University – Plovdiv.

2. Biographical Data and Career Development

Dr. Alexander Georgiev Ivanov was born on 29.12.1990 in Plovdiv.

In 2017, he graduated from the Medical University – Plovdiv and obtained the qualification “Master of Medicine (MD)”.

From November 2017 he has been a part-time assistant, and since February 2018 a full-time assistant at the Department of General and Clinical Pathology.

He works as a resident physician at the Department of Clinical Pathology at University Hospital “St. George” – Plovdiv, performing biopsy, cytological and autopsy diagnostics.

He has organizational responsibilities, including physician scheduling and safety duties.

He actively participates in teaching in Bulgarian and English to students of medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy and healthcare.

He is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Association, Bulgarian Society of Pathology and European Society of Pathology.

He is fluent in English (C1) and has good command of French.

3. Relevance of the Dissertation Topic

The dissertation addresses a significant issue in modern pathology – clinicopathological correlation in oral and maxillofacial biopsy diagnostics.

The topic has high practical importance due to the diversity of pathological processes and the need for precise morphological diagnosis.

4. Structure of the Dissertation

The dissertation consists of 148 pages and follows established academic standards.

It includes introduction, literature review, aim and objectives, materials and methods, results, discussion, conclusions, contributions and references.

The study analyzes 6038 biopsies over an 11-year period using histological, immunohistochemical and statistical methods.

Results are systematically presented and discussed in relation to current literature.

The dissertation contains original, confirmatory and practical contributions.

Critical remarks: Minor inconsistencies in figure/table numbering; retrospective design limits causal conclusions.

5. Conclusion and Recommendation

The dissertation represents a completed and methodologically sound scientific work with contributions to diagnostic pathology.

The author demonstrates strong knowledge and ability for independent research.

The dissertation meets the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act and institutional regulations.

I RECOMMEND awarding the PhD degree to Dr. Alexander Georgiev Ivanov.

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