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Subject: Ph.D. student Joanna Rogala, M.D. - review of the Ph.D. study supervisor

Joanna Rogala, M.D. graduated at the Wrocław Medical University, Poland in year 2006. Her work career is linked to workplaces in Poland – she works as a board-certificated pathologist at the Department of Pathology, Regional Specialist Hospital, Wrocław, Poland (from 2014 – present) and at the Department of Pathology, Public Specialist Hospital, Nowa Sól, Poland (from 2017- present). In 2019, she started the Ph.D. study at the Department of Pathology, Charles University, Medical Faculty and Charles University Hospital Pilsen, Czech Republic. The thesis of her study is „Clinicopathological, morphological, immunohistochemical and molecular biological features of tumours of genitourinary tract“, the supervisor was professor Ondřej Hes, Ph.D. (until 7/2022). An associate professor Kristýna Pivovarčíková, Ph.D. took over the supervision of her Ph.D. study after his unexpected passing in 8/2023.

Doctor Joanna Rogala started the collaboration with our scientific group at the Department of Pathology, Charles University, Medical Faculty and Charles University Hospital Pilsen, Czech Republic with one month long observation in 2016. Since then, she has participated in many GU projects with us. The start of her Ph.D. study here in Plzeň was thus a logical outcome of our good long-term scientific cooperation.

Doctor Rogala completed all prescribed exams, courses and presentations according to the study plan. Recently, she stayed a few weeks at the Department of Pathology, Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA, USA (22.08.2022-09.09.2022). She solved all research projects and assigned tasks very



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independently. Her published articles are well received by the GU pathologist community worldwide. The majority of her articles are multicentre studies with international participation, requiring demanding communication between individual institutes around the world.

In our department, we do not allow any Ph.D. students to write a „classical dissertation“. We prefer the dissertation based on collection of monothematically focused publications and Ph.D. students are forced into significant publishing activity, especially in foreign journals with impact factor (IF). Doctor Rogala is a first author or co-author of seven articles with IF which were used as a basis of the dissertation. The relatively higher percentage agreement in the plagiarism report (similarity detection protocol) is due to the inclusion of these full texts of original papers in the dissertation. In addition, she is the first author or co-author of 13 IF works that were not used for the purposes of the dissertation.

I consider the dissertation to be very compact and well-done, and therefore I definitely recommend it for dissertation defence.

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