

## Minute 2

### I - Introduction

On the twenty fourth day of June two thousand and twenty two, at 15 hours and 30 minutes, the jury nominated by the CCMAR board of Directors on 25-05-2022, met, for the meeting 2 of the call Ref. CCMAR/BINCGAM/20/2022. The meeting was held for the award of a Research Fellowship for a person with a Master Degree (Bolsa de Investigação não conducente à obtenção de grau académico para pessoa com Mestrado) through the project “*Exploring the therapeutic application of Gla-rich protein (GRP) in inflammation-related diseases using natural bioengineered nanovesicles*” reference EXPL/BTM-TEC/0990/2021 funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES through national funding (PIDDAC). The nominated jury was composed by the Assistant Researcher Carla Viegas, coordinator of the project and researcher at CCMAR/UALG (president); Professor Dina Simes, Professor at UALG and group leader at CCMAR (member) and Professor Luisa Barreira, Professor at UALG and researcher at CCMAR (member) and had the following agenda items: admission and evaluation of applications admitted to the fellowship CCMAR/BINCGAM/20/2022.

### II – Candidates

Five applications were received for the position:

- 1- Megha Gautam
- 2- Shakiba Gholami
- 3- João Miguel Pinto dos Prazeres
- 4- Adélia Cristina Bravo Brito de Abreu Ova
- 5- Joana Gregório da Silva

### III - Exclusion of applications

The jury analysed the applications, considering the mandatory requirements and documents, and decided to exclude one candidate (Table 1), for the following reasons:

- 1- Did not present a copy of the certificate of recognition of the Bachelor degree with the final classification in the Portuguese scale by a Portuguese Public Higher Education Institution or by DGES – Directorate General for Higher Education, neither the complete declaration of honour with the final classification of the Bachelor degree in the Portuguese scale available in the application platform.

Thus, four candidates were admitted to the evaluation and ranking phase (Table 2).

Table 1. Candidates excluded of the evaluation and ranking phase.

Shakiba Gholami
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Table 2. Candidates admitted and proposed for the evaluation and ranking phase.

Megha Gautam
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João Miguel Pinto dos Prazeres
Adélia Cristina Bravo Brito de Abreu Ova
Joana Gregório da Silva

#### IV - Evaluation of applications

The Jury evaluated the application documents of the eligible candidate (Table 2) and applied the classification criteria and weighting factors set out in the vacancy announcement as shown in table 3 below:

Table 3. Table with the evaluation of applications.

Candidate	Criterion 1	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	Criterion 5	Criterion 6	Criterion 7	Final Classification
Megha Gautam	4,7	1,2	2,5	2,5	0	2	1	13,9
João Miguel Pinto dos Prazeres	4,5	0,6	0	2,5	0	2	1	10,6
Adélia Cristina Bravo Brito de Abreu Ova	4,2	1,6	3	3	0	2	1	14,8
Joana Gregório da Silva	4,5	0,75	0	2	0	1,5	1	9,8

#### Evaluation criteria and respective weighting:

1. Weighted average of the Bachelor and of the Master Degree final classification (30%)
2. Curricula evaluation (15%)
3. Previous cell culture experience (15%)
4. Previous experience in molecular biology techniques (15%)
5. Previous experience in extracellular vesicles (10%)
6. Previous experience in immune-based techniques (10%)
7. Knowledge of written and spoken English (5%)

Note: The final grades in table 3 represent the average of the individual evaluation performed by each member of the jury, presented on a scale from 0 to 20, rounded to the nearest tenth.

Table 4 presents the overall classification in order of rank.

Table 4- Overall classification and ranking of the admitted applicants of call CCMAR/BINCGAM/20/2022, indicating the final score.

Candidate	Final Classification	Ranking
Adélia Cristina Bravo Brito de Abreu Ova	14,8	1st
Megha Gautam	13,9	2nd
João Miguel Pinto dos Prazeres	10,6	3th
Joana Gregório da Silva	9,8	4th

#### V - Conclusion

The fellowships will be awarded to the best ranked applicant. Candidate Adélia Cristina Bravo Brito de Abreu Ova has the highest classification (14,8 values; Table 4)

Considering the elements presented, candidate Adélia Cristina Bravo Brito de Abreu Ova meets the conditions for the purposes of eventual selection, so the Jury proposes the ratification of this decision to the CCMAR Board.

The Jury will proceed to the right of prior hearing of the candidates, setting a deadline of 10 working days to claim what they consider to be convenient, whether in relation to scientific or procedural matters.

With no other item on the agenda, the meeting of which these minutes were drawn up was closed, with 3 pages, and annex, which after being read and approved were signed by the members of the jury.

Prof. Dr. Carla Viegas

Prof. Dr. Dina Simes

Prof. Dr. Luisa Barreira

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**Annex**

**Statement of no conflict of interests**

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We, the undersigned, fully understand the confidential nature of the assessment process and agree not to disclose or discuss its materials, no where, with no one, knowing the consequences of a misconduct.

We further declare that we have no direct or indirect financial, economic or personal interest that could compromise our impartiality and autonomy as members of this Jury.

Thus, we declare under word of honor that we will not evaluate candidates with whom we have a conflict of interest, for what we will require our immediate replacement.

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

By the members of the Jury:

Prof. Dr. Carla Viegas

Prof. Dr. Dina Simes

Prof. Dr. Luisa Barreira