

Final Jury Meeting Minute

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On the 18th March 2020, during the preliminary hearing period of 10 working days, the candidate **Ana Cachaço** pronounced about the evaluation process by specifically asking for clarification about her classification in the topic "*Research experience and relevant knowledge in the area of the proposed work plan as described in the candidate profile (which accounts for 40% of the final classification)*". Ana Cachaço would like to clarify that she has experience working with laboratory animals. The candidate states that throughout her career she has always used laboratory rodents as a biological model (in vivo and in vitro), including in the cancer field, mentioning in particular 2 articles in which she is the first author. The candidate also mentions that she participated in the course "*FELASA Course on Laboratory Animal Sciences (Category B)*" and is certified by the Direção Geral de Veterinária.

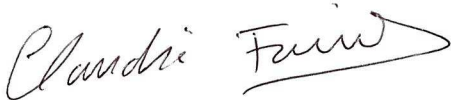
The jury re-analyzed the CV of Ana Cachaço and the 2 papers mentioned above. To successfully perform this project it is not only important to have completed the animal experimentation course and to be licensed by the DGAV, but also to have deep experience working with mouse models, namely in the manipulation of laboratory mice (in vivo mouse models of cancer and dissemination), collection of different types of biological samples and management of colonies/breeding. In the first paper mentioned by the candidate, in *Development Journal* (2003), there are in fact experiments with animal models, but in studies related with myogenesis and not with cancer. It should also be noted that this paper was published a long time ago (17 years ago). In the second paper mentioned by the candidate, in *PlosOne* (2010), there are experiments with animal mouse models in the area of hemato-oncology. It should also be noted that this publication has already 10 years.

The candidate had the mean evaluation in the above-mentioned CV criteria (*Research experience and relevant knowledge in the area of the proposed work plan as described in the candidate profile*) of 10%. The jury concludes that the candidate has experience with animal models, but has only 2 publications where there is evidence of animal experimentation, published 10 years ago or more, and only 1 of those publications is in the area of oncology – although in blood tumors rather than solid tumors. Despite the merits of her CV, the candidate has no publications, and does not show laboratory experience, in the area of solid tumors or brain tumors, as required in the scope of this project. Of the 8 publications in peer-reviewed journals presented in her CV, the most recent is from 2012, 3 publications are in the area of hematology (hemato-oncology), but none in solid tumors or brain tumors.

Thus, the candidate's experience in the specific research area of this project is limited. For this reason, we maintain our 10% rating on this evaluation topic.

This final decision is signed by the three members of the jury and also validated by the Heads of the Institution.

Lisbon, 24th March 2020



Cláudia Faria



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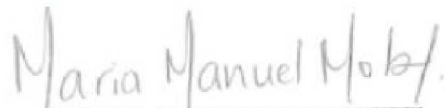


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Validation by the Heads of the Institution



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