

Minutes of the Selection Board

Competition for the position of a student in the project „Precise molecular characterization of circulating tumour cells in patients with triple-negative breast cancer using high-throughput total RNA single-cell sequencing”

Contract number: UMO-2022/47/B/NZ7/03418, in the programme OPUS 24 funded by the National Science Centre.

Title: PhD student scholarship in molecular studies of circulating tumor cells

Date of the meeting: The final meeting of the competition committee took place on 21.05.2025 using Zoom platform.

Composition of the selection board (in case of persons from outside the unit, please indicate the affiliation):

1. prof. Stefano Volinia, CNBCh
2. dr Jeff Palatini, Cent
3. dr inż. Tomasz Kaminski, Wydział Biologii UW

Number of candidates who have applied: 6

Brief description of the proceedings of the committee:

The pre-selection procedure was conducted via e-mail. After reviewing the documentation submitted by the candidates, the Commission determined that the candidates had sent the complete set of required documents by the deadline indicated in the announcement and thus met the formal requirements of the competition. Subsequently, the Commission met online on May 16th using the Zoom platform and assessed the candidates in terms of the competition requirements, regarding their competence to perform specific tasks in the research project. In their motivation letters, the candidates declared themselves highly motivated and willing to quickly learn all the activities necessary for the project.

The Selection Commission shortlisted three candidates who met or exceeded the competition requirements and they were invited to the interviews to be scheduled using the Zoom platform as indicated in the table below.

Candidate	session	time
Alicja Sikorska	Wed 21/5	14:00
Katarzyna Gorczyca	Wed 21/5	14:45
Agnieszka Michalak	Wed 21/5	15:30

Candidates were assessed applying the criteria listed below:

Criterion 1 the candidate's research achievements, including publications in prestigious academic press/ journals (50% of the final score) 0-4 pts

Criterion 2 achievements resulting from the research projects, scholarships, awards and research experience gained at home or abroad, research workshops and training courses, participation in research projects (20% of the final score) 0-4 pts

Criterion 3 the candidate's competence required to carry out specific tasks in the research project (30% of the final score) 0-3 pts

Candidates will pass the assessment with at least 50%.

The three interviewed candidates ranked by score:

1 - Katarzyna Gorczyca	45.50%
2 - Agnieszka Michalak	41.44%
3 – Alicja Sikorska	39.64%

The Project Manager has decided not to invite any of the above-mentioned individual to work, since none has scored above the 50% threshold.