Press Meeting, 7 August 2012
Terms of reference

- “The investigation must clarify whether – and, if so, to what extent – questions about the scientific honesty of Milena Penkowa’s additional research can be raised...”

- “The panel shall not decide on the question of scientific dishonesty, but provide the factual basis for a statement about that question to the University of Copenhagen.”

- “Following the investigation, the University will decide whether there are grounds for the University to report more of Milena Penkowa’s research to DCSD in order to obtain DCSD's decision as to whether scientific dishonesty is present.”

- “The investigation will focus exclusively on Milena Penkowa’s scientific production. Consequently, Milena Penkowa’s co-authors of published articles are not subjects of the investigation.”
Members of the independent panel

- Professor, Hans Lassmann, MD (chairman), Medical University of Vienna, Austria
- Professor Margaret M. Esiri, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- Professor dr. Christine D. Dijkstra, Department of Molecular Cell Biology and Immunology, VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Professor Hartmut Wekerle, Max Planck Institute of Neurobiology, Munich, Germany
- Professor Anders Blomqvist, Linköping University, Sweden
Facts from the Report I

530 questionnaires sent out

472 questionnaires answered

472/530 = 89%

164 co-authors + Milena Penkowa = 165 authors

124 co-authors responded
Facts from the Report II

- **108** articles identified – of which 5 were already reported to the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty (DCSD) and 1 to the Police, leaving **102** articles for the panel to look at.

- **102** articles
  - The Panel selected **79** for initial thorough scrutiny
  - 23 articles left out, because they were overview articles or similar

- **79** articles
  - 50 articles analysed
  - 29 articles selected for obtaining further background documentation – and then analysed

- Conclusion: **15** articles with suspicion of potentially scientific misconduct
Milena Penkowa’s CV at UCPH

Ph.d.

Assistant Professor /Postdoc

Associate Professor

Doctoral dissertation

Professor

Resigns

1998-2000

2000

2004

2006

2009

2010

Papers suspected by the Panel of intentional misconduct of MP

A67


A84, A136
Next steps by the University of Copenhagen

• Reporting the 15 articles to the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty (DCSD) – upon consultation of DCSD

• Informing the co-authors, in particular those of the 15 articles

• Informing the journals and publishers of the 15 articles

• Informing the Academic Council at the Faculty of Health Sciences

• Updating information about good scientific practice at UCPH’s intranet