

OPINION

*On the open competition announced by the university "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov"
and published in the State Gazette, issue 105 / 11.12.2020 on the selection
procedure for "associate professor "*

in a professional direction

*7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Pharmacology" for the needs of teaching in
the specialty "Assistant Pharmacist", Department of Pharmacy*

with a participant

Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD, PhD

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Education and professional qualification.

Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD was born in 1967. She graduated in 1991 at the Higher Medical Institute, Stara Zagora (currently the Thracian University, Medical Faculty, Stara Zagora). She specializes in internal medicine and clinical haematology, and acquired a science degree a PhD in Pharmacology acquired in April 2018 at MU-Sofia. In 1991-2001 she worked as an intern at the District Hospital, Yambol (later MHAT "St. Panteleimon" AD, Yambol). Lyubina Todorova has been working at Bulgarian Drug Agency since 2001 and starting from 2006 held several leading positions posts at BDA such as: chief expert /Head of Unit for "blood-derived medicinal products" Directorate "Biological products"; and Head of the Department "Marketing Authorization of medicinal products".

She underwent various educational programs abroad, such as:

IPFA (International Plasma and Fractionation Association) - Viral safety of blood and blood components;

US Department of State (International visitors Program) Infectious Diseases and the HIV Pandemic;

Paul-Ehrlich-Institute, Germany: Dossier assessment of medicinal products.

Speaks English and French. Member of the Standing Committee on Medicinal Products at the European Commission (Standing Committee), member of the Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products at the European Medicines Agency ; Member of the transparency committee at the Council of Ministers and former member of the Committee for Advanced Therapies to the European Medicines Agency (until 2013). She has successfully completed a research project in Pharmacology. **Due to the above, I accept that the candidate is a specialist in practice with proven achievements in the field of competition.**

Research activity.

The candidate submits -2 articles in international journals with SJR (Scopus Rank); 6 articles in national journals (one in print); 4 participations in national or international scientific forums. The total number of citations of the candidate so far (including all publications, not only those submitted for the competition) are 20 Bulgarian citations , according to the reference from the Central Medical Library - Medical University, Sofia. 137 citations were found in the SCOPUS database, mainly from a publication, which is included as part of the candidate's dissertation work for obtaining the scientific degree "PhDDoctor" and monographic/habilitation thesis "Current aspects of pharmaceutical regulation". In addition, the applicant works actively as a member of Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products (COMP) at EMA, acting as a COMP Coordinator (or Rapporteur) for different Applications for Orphan designation.

As the entire working documentation of this committee is highly confidential, it cannot be disclosed publicly. **The scientometric indicators Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD meets the Unified State Requirements and the regulations of the University for holding an academic position of "Associate Professor".**

Conclusion.

I do not know personally the candidate for the above mentioned academic position (Associate Professor) **Liubina Racheva Todorova, MD** . For the time that has elapsed since the completion of the master's degree in medicine, I believe that she has accumulated an impressive biography, expertise and competencies, incl. in the scientific field of the competition. I think she will be of importance for the future of the University. I am convinced that this habilitation is necessary and with a good timing and therefore I propose to the esteemed members of the Scientific Panel and the esteemed Faculty Council to award the academic position of " Associate Professor

to Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD in professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Pharmacology" for the needs of teaching in the specialty "Assistant Pharmacist", Department of Pharmacy at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "Burgas.

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