

О P I N I O N

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regarding the competition to fill the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Pharmacology", for the needs of training in the specialty "Assistant Pharmacist", Department of Pharmacy, Medical College, from University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", declared in the Official Journal of Bulgaria, issue 105/11.12.2020 (*day, month, year*)

The opinion is prepared in connection with proposal from the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov – Burgas, No RD-29 from 05.02.2021, Prof. Dr. Magdalena Mitkova.

One candidate has been admitted to the competition, announced in accordance with the accepted requirements, Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD, Director of the Directorate "Authorization for Use of Medicinal Products" – Bulgarian Drug Agency, Sofia. The competition procedure, as well as the documentation submitted by Dr. Lyubina Todorova, are in compliance with the regulatory framework and scientometric requirements. After a thorough examination of the materials submitted to me in the competition, I have determined the following:

I. Academic and professional development.

Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD graduated medical education at the Higher Medical Institute - Stara Zagora, diploma № 13491 / 08.1991. In 1997 she acquired a specialty in Internal Medicine at the Medical University - Sofia, diploma № 3314 / 1.06.1997; and in 2001 specialty in Clinical Hematology at MU - Varna, diploma № 6076 / 22.01.2001.

In 2018 she obtained the scientific degree "Doctor" in Pharmacology (including pharmacokinetics and chemotherapy), at the Medical University - Sofia, diploma № 632-D / 2018.

Dr. Todorova took training courses: in 2002, Training for evaluation of dossiers of medicinal products - Paul Ehrlich Institute, Germany; in 2003, Infectious Diseases and the HIV Pandemic - US Department of State, 2008 Viral safety of blood and blood components - IPFA, The Netherlands.

Her professional activity Dr. L. Todorova, MD started in 1991 as a Physician - resident in the III internal ward, University Hospital "St. Panteleimon" - Yambol. Since 2001, Chief Expert / Head of the Blood Products Department - Executive Agency for Medicines, Sofia. Since 2007, Director of the Transfusion System Control Directorate - BDA, Sofia. From 2010 to the present, Director of the Directorate "Authorization for use of medicinal products" - BDA, Sofia.

II. Research Activity.

Defended dissertation on "Pharmacological response to pain: experimental, clinical and regulatory studies."

Dr. Lyubina Todorova is the author of 23 scientific publications - 1 monograph, 22 articles and participation in national or international scientific forums for participation in the competition.

Dr. Todorova has 16 articles in national journals and 6 publications in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information (Scopus).

Dr. Todorova is the author of the monograph "Current aspects of pharmaceutical regulation."

Dr. Lyubina Todorova has 136 citations in scientific journals indexed in world-famous databases, of which 111 without auto-citations. The citations in unREFERRED journals are 6 in total.

Dr. Todorova has 1 participation in a research project funded by MU - Sofia.

Dr. Todorova is a member of the Standing Committee on Medicinal Products at the EC, a member of the Committee for Orphan Medical Products of the European Medicines Agency, a member of the Transparency Commission of the Council of Ministers, a member of the Committee for Advanced Therapies of the European Medicines Agency.

Conclusion:

Based on everything above, I believe that the presented research activity of Dr. Lyubina Todorova, MD meets the minimum qualitative criteria and requirements of the competition, which gives me the reason to vote “positive” for the election of Dr. Lyubina Todorova, MD for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty “Pharmacology”, for the needs of training in the specialty “Assistant Pharmacist”, Department of Pharmacy, Medical College, from University “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas.



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