OPINION

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Member of the Scientific Jury with Decision of the Scientific Council №33 /27.10.2020 and Order 01 / 04.01.2021 / Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital,

Under the procedure for competition for selection for the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1 Medicine and teaches specialty "Dermatology and Venereology" for the needs of the Clinic of Skin and Venereal Diseases of Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital EAD.

The presented set of materials on electronic media by the only candidate, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Velichkova Demerdzhieva, MD, is in accordance with the Regulations on the terms and conditions for holding academic positions at Tokuda Acibadem City Clinic Sofia. From the detailed autobiographical reference, diplomas, certificates and scientific production it is evident that she has a rich professional clinical and scientific-teaching experience in the scientific specialty, in which she applied for the academic position "Professor". He started working as a dermatologist at the University Hospital Alexandrovska in 1993, after which he moved to the Hospital Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital Sofia. Since 1997 he has been majoring in skin and venereal diseases. From 2010 until now he is the head of the department of dermatology and venereology. Since 2007 he has been a Doctor of Medical Sciences with a defended dissertation in the field of ocular changes in syphilis and systemic dermatoses. Since 2016 he has held the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the Clinic of Dermatology and Venereology at MHAT Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital. In 2020 he defended a major dissertation on "Ocular changes and vasographies in patients with psoriasis."

The thematic areas reflected in the dissertations and scientific publications are in the field of dermatology and ophthalmology. The presented publication activity provides an opportunity to determine the following areas in the scientific and professional interests of Assoc. Prof. Z. Demerdzhieva: Diagnosis of ocular manifestations in skin diseases; allergodermatology, skin manifestations in systemic diseases, therapy of dermatological diseases, etc..

Qualitative criteria for the development of the academic staff

I. Research

- 1. Actual publications: The scientific publications in scientific journals are 78 and 4 are in the form of monographs, of which 10 abroad.
- 2. Participation in scientific forums: 77, of which 24 abroad.
- 3. Total impact factor 5.174.
- 4. There are a total of 37 citations, 20 in Bulgaria and 17 abroad.

The essential part of the developments are made in Bulgaria, in which the personal contribution and merits of the candidate are visible.

II. Assessment of teaching and learning activities

Participation in lectures and postgraduate training, as well as participation in continuing medical education:

for the period 2016-2020 has realized 1373 hours of workload - postgraduate training with graduates and continuing education for the period 2019-2020-190.5 hours of study as a part-time lecturer at the Ministry of Finance of Sofia University, Sofia for students majoring in medicine (English) including participation in exams.

Participates in 1 textbook.

III. Quantitative criteria for the academic position of "Professor"

According to the Regulations of the institution (Appendix 4) a total number of publications is required for a professor 50 (20 after associate professor), IF -5, in foreign journals -7 and citations 20. Assoc. Prof. Demerdzhieva covers the qualitative and quantitative criteria for holding the academic position "Professor".

Conclusion:

Due to the above, I give my positive assessment and propose to the esteemed scientific jury to award the academic position of 'Professor' to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Velichkova Demerdzhieva.

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