

## OPINION

from

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By order No. 01/04. 01. 2021 I have been appointed a member of the scientific jury under a competition procedure for selection for the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine and scientific specialty "Dermatology and Venereology" for the needs of the Clinic of Skin and Venereal Diseases of Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital EAD, Sofia. I have known Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Velichkova Demerdzhieva since 1993, when she began her professional career as a dermatologist. He worked both in the hospital of the Clinic of Skin and Venereal Diseases and in the outpatient children's skin office at the University Hospital "Alexandrovska" EAD. Dr. Demerdzhieva is attentive and tactful to her colleagues and patients. In 2007 he defended his PhD thesis (OHC "Doctor"). In 2016 she was elected an associate professor at the Clinic of Skin and Venereal Diseases of Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital EAD, Sofia. In 2020 he defended and obtained the degree of "Doctor of Medical Sciences".

1. Set of materials

The presented set of materials on electronic media is in accordance with the regulations and the procedure for acquiring the academic position "Professor" at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital EAD, Sofia.

2. Scientific activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Velichkova Demerdzhieva

The total number of scientific papers is 160. 4 of them are monographs and participation in a textbook. The actual scientific publications in scientific journals are 78. The participation in scientific forums is 77, as 53 are national and 24 are abroad. The total number of citations is 37, as 20 are in the Republic of Bulgaria and 17 abroad. The impact factor is 5,174. The thematic directions in the scientific works of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Demerdzhieva are in the field of dermatology and ophthalmology. The presented scientific papers point to the following areas in the scientific and professional interests of the candidate: • The dissertation on "Syphilis and systemic dermatoses - changes in lymph and blood vessels" was developed under the scientific guidance of Art. cor. Prof. Dr. Nikolai Tsankov. This is the first dissertation work in the Republic of Bulgaria, compliant with world standards, "in vivo?". • The doctoral dissertation on "Ocular changes and vasographies in patients with psoriasis" is interdisciplinary and extremely relevant. The diagnostic and prognostic criteria of patients with psoriasis as a group with a socially significant disease are emphasized. I accept the presented by the candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Demerdzhieva 4 scientific-theoretical and 1 scientific-practical contributions.

3. Teaching activity

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Demerdzhieva has been working as a lecturer at the University ASK Tokuda Hospital since 2016, and at Sofia University since 2019. The workload with students, postgraduates and continuing medical education is 1373 hours.

4. Conclusion

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Demerdzhieva contains scientific, scientific-applied and applied results. The latter are an original contribution

to science and comply with the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and the regulations for the development of the academic staff at Acibadem City Clinic. Tokuda Hospital EAD. The documents attached by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Demerdzhieva are proof that she has in-depth theoretical knowledge and professional skills in the scientific specialty "Dermatology and Venereology". The candidate has the qualities and skills for independent research. In conclusion, I rightly give my positive assessment for the award of the academic position of Assoc avka Velichkova Demerdzhieva, MD I strongly recommend to the esteemed members of the scientific jury for a positive assessment of the candidate.

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