

REVIEW

by Prof. Borislav Vladimirov, MD, Ph.D.

gastroenterology specialist, Head of Clinic of Gastroenterology - University Hospital "Tsaritsa Yoanna" ISUL, for evaluating a candidate in the competition for holding the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports in the professional field 7.1. "Medicine" (Rheumatology), announced in the State Gazette, issue 56 dated 30.06.2023, for the needs of the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious, and Skin Diseases, based on orders of the Rector RD-38-536/14.09.2023 and RD-RD-38-542 /15.09.2023.

The candidate, Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD, at the Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious, and Skin Diseases, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", has submitted all the documents required for participation in the competition, according to the requirements of the University Regulations, which have been approved by the minutes of the first meeting of the scientific panel.

In 1977, Lyubomir Marinchev graduated high school in the city of Sofia. In 1983, he graduated from the Medical Academy in Sofia as a doctor. From 1985 to 1987, he worked as an assistant and chief assistant physician at the regional hospital in the town of Byala. From 1987 to 2012, he worked as an assistant and chief assistant at the Clinic of Rheumatology at the University Hospital "St. Ivan Ivan Rilski" - Sofia. Since 2012 and currently, he has been the head of the Rheumatology Clinic at Sofamed University Hospital.

In 1992, he received his MD in Internal Diseases, and in 1994 – in Rheumatology. He was a research fellow in Houston – USA. In 1992, he worked on

an academic paper on the topic: "HLA class II alleles and autoantibodies in Bulgarians with systemic lupus erythematosus" under the guidance of Prof. Frank Arnett, MD. In 2008, he defended his dissertation to acquire the academic degree of Ph.D. on the topic "Anti-rheumatic therapy and infection with Helicobacter Pylori – damage to the upper gastrointestinal tract in rheumatic diseases". In 2017, he was elected "Associate Professor" of Rheumatology at the Department of Internal Diseases at the Faculty of Medicine, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, has been invited as a reviewer of Medical Science Monitor (IF 3.386) since 2025, and of the American Journal of Case Reports since 2016, as of today. He is the chief coordinator of the National Expert Council of Rheumatology and a national consultant, a member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Rheumatology and the Bulgarian Rheumatological Association. He is also a member of the European League for Combating Rheumatism and the Bulgarian Medical Association.

Assoc. Prof. Marinchev has been mentoring a PhD student who successfully defended his degree. He has also been a co-author of the monograph "Crystal Arthropathies" and a co-author of the book "Rare Diseases with Immune Pathogenesis" edited by Prof. M. Baleva, MD. He is the author and co-author of over 64 scientific papers of which - 10 publications in international journals with impact factor and over 118 participations in scientific forums, 45 of which abroad. His works have been cited 54 times in international journals referenced in Scopus and Web of Science. Assoc. Prof. Marinchev's Impact factor is 38.685.

The research contribution of the candidate is Rheumatology, Immunology, Genetics and Internal Medicine.

The teaching activity of the candidate includes lecturing on internal diseases and rheumatology to students, postgraduates, and doctoral students, including English language training.

The candidate is fluent in written and spoken English.

Minimum requirements for points by groups of indicators for the academic position "Professor" at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Benchmark Group	Academic Degree "Professor"	Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev
A. Dissertation for the degree "Ph.D."	50	50
C. Habilitation work –monograph	100	100
D. Publications	200	220.57
E. Citations and reviews	100	945
F. Specialties, scientific projects, textbooks and workbooks, doctoral student, graduate student	100	130
G. Teaching Activity Workload	780	782
Minimum total points	scientific – 550 teaching – 780 total - 1330	scientific – 1445.57 teaching – 782 total – 2227.57

The scientometric indicators meet the minimum requirements for the scientific and teaching activity of the candidate for holding the academic position of "Professor" by the "Rules for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Conclusion:

I have known Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev since 1992, and have followed his professional development as a doctor, researcher, and lecturer. For me,

he is a meticulous and responsible person, a recognized clinician-internist and rheumatologist with good theoretical and practical training. He is perfectly acquainted with all the modern diagnostic instrumental methodologies, a lecturer and established researcher with a significant scientific output evaluated at a high level, which is evidenced by the large number of citations, the invitation to review several scientific articles for international journals, and his high Impact Factor. I confirm the candidate's contributions as included in his self-evaluation letter as professional skills. His teaching experience, the number of publications and citations, the Impact Factor, and the competence of Assoc. Prof. Marinchev meet the requirements of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for acquiring the scientific title "Professor". All this gives me grounds to recommend to the esteemed members of the jury to award Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, Ph.D., the academic position of "Professor" in the scientific specialty "Rheumatology", professional field 7.1 Medicine at the Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious, and Skin Diseases at the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

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