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Announcement by ANCAM to all its members regarding the recognition of our journal, *Cardiovascular and Metabolic Science*, as a publication of established solidity

Comunicado de la ANCAM a todos sus miembros sobre el reconocimiento de nuestra revista, Cardiovascular and Metabolic Science, como una publicación de sólida trayectoria

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Abbreviations:

CONACYT = *CONsejo NACIONAL de Ciencia Y Tecnología* (National Council of Science and Technology)

SECIHTI = *SEcretaría de Ciencia, Humanidades, Tecnología e Innovación* (Secretariat of Science, Humanities, Technology, and Innovation)

SNPCyH = *Sistema Nacional de Publicaciones Científicas y Humanísticas* (National System of Scientific and Humanistic Publications)

The recent creation of the Federal Government's Secretariat of Science, Humanities, Technology, and Innovation (SECIHTI) –evolving from what was, for many years, the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)– resulted in it a series of significant adjustments, innovations, and reforms that affected all participating institutions and national researchers. In this context, scientific journals were also affected by the new editorial standards. During the CONACYT era, the classification of the country's scientific journals was based on whether they met impact-based metrics; evaluators primarily tallied article citations, and journals with commercial financing –or those requiring payment– were allowed. Nevertheless, inclusion in CONACYT's Index or Catalog of Mexican Science and

Technology Journals, represented a distinction of sorts, as it served as an endorsement from the highest State scientific authority. Our journal received that distinction many years ago. The new regulations established by the National System of Scientific and Humanistic Publications (SNPCyH)–under the auspices of SECIHTI– required journals to align with these parameters and submit the necessary information to the authority within a short timeframe. Alongside academic requirements, the new regulations aim to boost scientific communication through open-access publishing and by recognizing science, above all, as a public good. That is why the term «diamond open-access academic journals» was coined. The term «diamond» refers to the transparency in editorial practices, the peer-review process, and journal financing, as well as a commitment to the public interest and freedom from commercial influence. According to SNPCyH, scientific journals in this concept must be «a non-commercial, sovereign, and inclusive open-access publishing model aimed at conceiving knowledge as a public good, in accordance with the provisions of the Mexican Constitution and the General Law on Humanities, Sciences, Technologies, and Innovation».

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The Editorial Committee –primarily our highly competent executive editor, Pilar Ortíz, MD, PhD– and the ANCAM administration led by the tireless Ms. Angélica Pacheco López promptly and successfully provided the information required by the evaluating body. But the invaluable assistance and solidarity of our Association’s leadership team –its President and Vice President, Dr. José Antonio Magaña Serrano and Dr. Yolojóchitl García Jiménez– were instrumental to this success. Also, I want to offer special recognition to Medigraphic, our publishing house, which has accompanied us on numerous ventures, and to its directors, Drs. José Rosales Jiménez and María de la Luz Rosales Jiménez, as well as Lic. Irving García Mejía, the diligent Head of the Programming and IT Department, and Mrs. María Loreto Echevarría Torres, one of the company’s managers, who is closely involved in our editorial work. With great professionalism and tireless effort, the publishing team worked closely with us to achieve this milestone.

Two independent reviewers examined the journal, and their final assessment stated that it achieved the *CONSOLIDATED/CONSOLIDATED* rating in the SECIHTI registry. The double

«Consolidated» status indicates that the journal met the requirements for editorial presentation and management, scientific content quality, and online accessibility. Reviewers indicated that we must address issues concerning the use of artificial intelligence and enhance the journal’s international visibility and impact. We are fully aware of these weaknesses and are working to address them. However, to achieve international recognition and attain significant impact factors, our Association’s leadership and the Editorial Committee require the effort of our entire community. The volume and quality of the scientific material we publish directly reflect the diligence, skill, and scientific depth of our academic community.

May this recognition from the federal agency responsible for advancing national science spur us all –our leadership, editors, reviewers, publishers, administrative staff, and every member of our great Association–to redouble our efforts. We have a good journal; let’s make it even better–all together.

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