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Re: Annual Report, Editor-in-Chief

Dear Colleagues:

At the end of 2024, I completed a 12-year term as Editor-in-Chief of Cardiovascular Pathology. I want to recognize and thank members of the senior editorial and management team: Giulia Ottaviani as Senior Associate Editor, Melanie Bois as Associate Editor for Social Media, Sarah Keith as Editorial Assistant, and our Elsevier colleagues, Melissa Ramondetta, Publisher and Santhosh Maniputhiran, Production Manager. I also want to recognize and thank the Editorial Board members who have actively participated in the review process and volunteered their time and expertise. And I want to recognize Rick Mitchell, SCVP Publications Committee Chair, for his support and leadership. I am exceedingly grateful to all concerned in our collaborative effort.

Broadly stated, the scope of CVP is original studies and reviews aimed at the pathobiological basis of cardiovascular disease. In response to the large number of submissions, Dr. Ottaviani and I have been rigorous in applying “editorial reject” (“desk reject”) of a substantial number of the submitted manuscripts as outside the scope or otherwise inappropriate for CVP. We have engaged members of the Editorial Board and others as reviewers only for manuscripts within the scope of the journal.

A corollary of our editorial policies is the increased selectivity of manuscripts accepted for publication. The accompanying document shows data maintained by my office for manuscript activity for 2011 through 2024. According to our analysis, which may differ slightly from the publisher’s report, the overall acceptance rate was 14.4% (64 of 443 submitted manuscripts) in 2022, 10.2% (40 of 392 manuscripts) for 2023, and 13.5% (58 of 428 manuscripts) in 2024. See attached charts.

As editor-in-chief, I have pursued a vision to make CVP an increasingly impactful publication of the best in cardiovascular science focused on the pathology and pathogenesis of human disease. Our efforts have included soliciting review articles and developing the Article Collections series. Recent metrics for CVP include an Impact Factor (2 year) of 2.185 in 2021, 3.975 in 2022, 3.7 in 2023, and 2.3 in 2024 with Cite Scores (4-year index)

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of 3.5 in 2021, 4.8 in 2022, 6.6 in 2023, and 7.5 in 2024. Our proactive approach to publication of timely articles dealing with COVID-19 cardiovascular and pulmonary pathology contributed to the significant bump in Impact Factor in 2022 and 2023.

I want to thank the SCVP for the privilege of serving as Editor-in-Chief of Cardiovascular Pathology for the last 12 years. I am confident of CVP's continued success under the leadership of our new EIC, Dr. Joseph Maleszewski, and his team. I wish them well.

Sincerely,

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