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EDITORIAL

EMERGENCIAS: The challenge of continuing to improve

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Continuous improvement is one of the fundamental principles on which *EMERGENCIAS* has been built. In an increasingly competitive scientific environment, maintaining editorial excellence requires a constant effort from authors, reviewers, the editorial committee, and the technical team. The role of SEMES (Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine), the publisher of the Journal, is also fundamental in providing the necessary tools to meet these challenges. The achievements of recent years are a source of satisfaction and a credit to everyone involved, but they also provide an incentive to continue moving forward. In science, as in emergency care, complacency is never an option.

In recent years, *EMERGENCIAS* has consolidated an upward trajectory that is reflected both in the evolution of its bibliometric indicators and in the recognition it has achieved within the scientific community. The increase in manuscripts received, the improvement in the methodological quality of published studies, and its growing international reach are the result of an editorial strategy based on scientific rigor, a demanding peer-review process, and a commitment to publishing research relevant to the knowledge and practice of emergency medicine (EM). These results are undoubtedly also the product of the outstanding work carried out by Spanish emergency medicine researchers over recent decades.[1-3]

As an overall reflection of this collective effort, the Journal has experienced a sustained increase in its impact factor since it was indexed in Journal Citation Reports in 2010.[4,5] A few weeks ago, the 2025 impact factor for *EMERGENCIAS* was announced at 5.5. Compared with the previous year, it showed a slight decrease, together with an increase in self-citation, aspects that should be addressed over the coming years. Nevertheless, and most importantly, the 2025 impact factor enabled the Journal to remain, for the 4th year in its history and the 3rd consecutive year, in the first decile of the Emergency Medicine category (Figure 1). Thus, in 2025, *EMERGENCIAS* was the only biomedical journal published entirely in Spanish to achieve this distinction of excellence.

None of these advances would have been possible without the generous and often largely unseen work of those serving on the editorial committee. This editorial therefore also provides an opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Antoni Juan, Adriana Gil, and Inés Fernández-Guerrero, who are now concluding their terms as committee members. Their dedication, scientific judgment, and commitment have made a decisive contribution to strengthening the editorial quality of *EMERGENCIAS,* and much of the quality and structure of the Journal's current content is attributable to their participation.

At the same time, I am pleased to welcome Sebastián Matos, Dima Ibrahim-Achi, and Cristobal Manuel Rodríguez Leal, professionals joining the editorial committee with the aim of contributing new perspectives, experience, and innovative capacity. Periodic renewal of the committee is essential to maintaining a dynamic vision of the Journal, incorporating new areas of knowledge, and responding to the challenges faced by a leading scientific publication.

Sebastián Matos holds a degree in nursing, is a specialist in family and community nursing, and holds a doctorate in health sciences, which he obtained with a doctoral thesis on the myocardial infarction care pathway. He also holds a degree in information sciences and a master's degree in human resources. He has worked in emergency and urgent care in the Canary Islands for 37 years, both in hospital emergency departments and advanced life support units, as well as in helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS), and has coordinated 2 standard emergency services (SNU) in Tenerife (Canary Islands, Spain). Moreover, he is a reservist nursing lieutenant in the Common Corps of the Spanish Armed Forces, assigned to the Military Emergency Unit (UME). He is currently also an associate professor at the *Universidad Europea de Canarias,* where he teaches in the university master's degree program in emergency, urgent, and critical care nursing. He has participated in several competitively funded research projects, serving as principal investigator in 2 of them, and is the author of more than 20 scientific articles. All of this makes him an important asset to *EMERGENCIAS* because of his ability to add value to the project.

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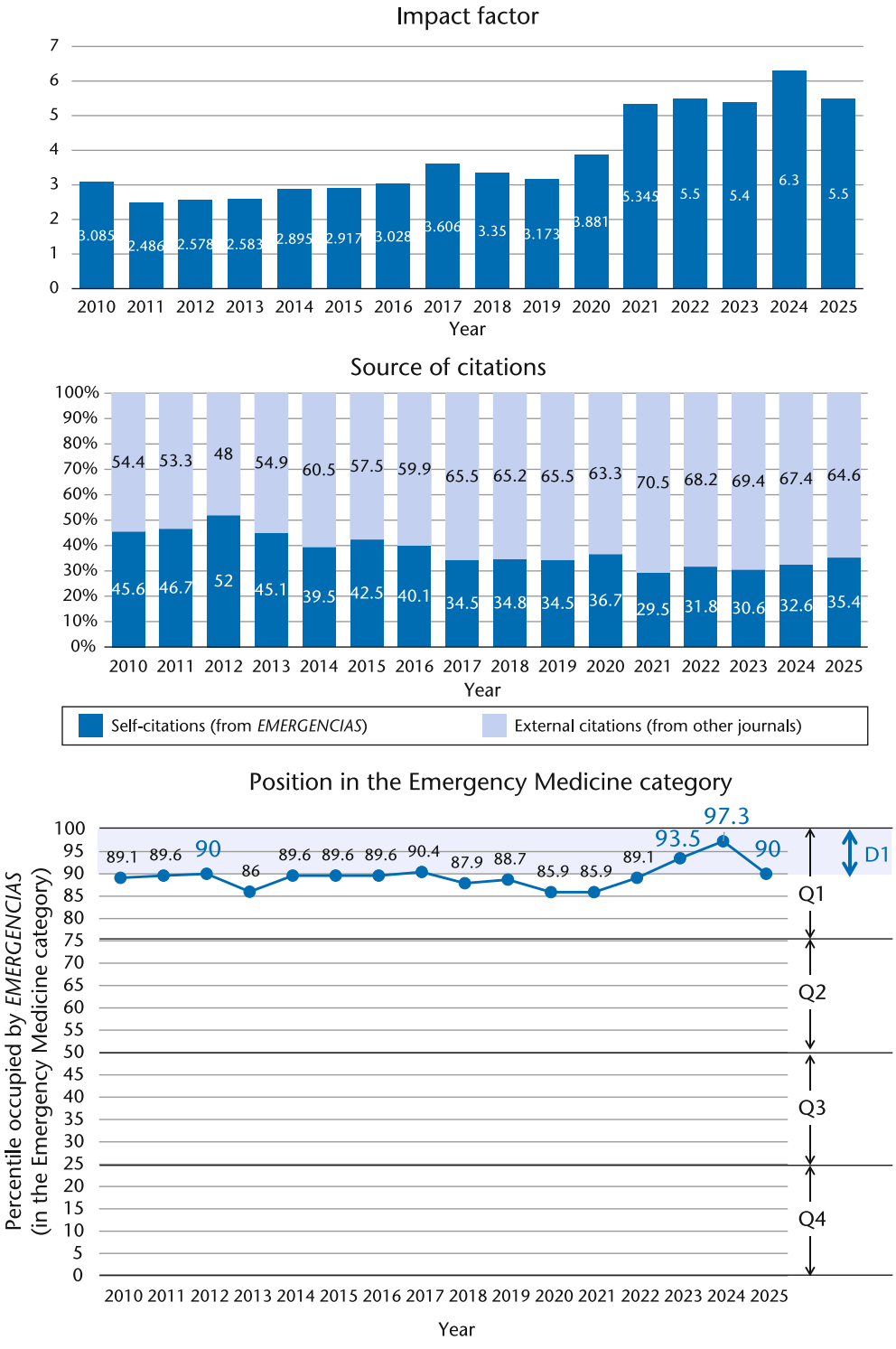


Figure 1. Evolution of the impact factor of *EMERGENCIAS* since its inclusion in Journal Citation Reports in 2010.

Emergency Department of *Hospital Universitario de Canarias* (Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain). She holds a doctorate in health sciences from the *Universidad de La Laguna,* where she completed her doctoral thesis in the field of clinical toxicology, an area in which she has conducted much of her research activity, with approximately 10 published studies, and in which she continues to conduct active research as part of the SEMES Toxicology Group (SEMESTOX) and the REDUrHE and RIAPAD projects. She is also a professor of health sciences at the *Universidad Europea de Canarias.* With this background, her contributions will be fundamental to

the continuous improvement of the quality of *EMERGENCIAS*.

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The success achieved by *EMERGENCIAS* to date should not be regarded as a final destination, but rather as the starting point for addressing new challenges. Increasing international visibility, attracting research of the highest quality, shortening editorial processing times, promoting open science, and continuing to be the leading Spanish-language journal in EM will be among the objectives for the coming years.

Through the joint efforts of authors, reviewers, readers, and the editorial committee, together with the firm and unconditional support of SEMES, *EMERGENCIAS* will continue advancing along the path toward excellence, faithful to a principle that has guided its evolution from the outset: the enduring challenge of continuing to improve.

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