

PRESS RELEASE**AnaCardio receives patent grant in Europe for AC01**

Stockholm, Sweden and Lugano, Switzerland, March 13, 2025 - AnaCardio, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel contractile agents to treat patients with heart failure and Helsinn Group (“Helsinn”), a global pharmaceutical company with a track record of over forty-five years of commercial execution and a strong focus in supportive care, oncology and dermatology, today announced that European patent EP4346820 has been issued by the European Patent Office (EPO), securing the use of AC01/HM01 as an inotropic agent. The patent is co-owned by AnaCardio AB and Helsinn Healthcare SA and provides protection in all major European markets. The expiry date of this patent is June 2, 2042.

Patrik Strömberg, AnaCardio CEO, commented: *“We are pleased to have been granted an additional patent that protects our lead candidate AC01, and that will secure extended European market exclusivity into the 2040s”*.

Melanie Rolli, Helsinn Group CEO, commented: *“We are delighted with the issuance of this European patent, which secures the use of AC01/HM01 as an inotropic agent until 2042. This milestone highlights our commitment to innovative treatments for heart failure.”*

About AnaCardio

AnaCardio AB is a privately held clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel drugs to treat heart failure. AnaCardio was founded based on ground-breaking research from Karolinska Institutet showing improved contractility of the heart muscle through a unique and differentiated mechanism. The Company’s lead program AC01, a first-in-class calcium sensitizing inotrope, is an oral ghrelin mimetic small-molecule, which was in-licensed from Helsinn and is now being developed as a contractile agent in heart failure patients. The company has raised over USD 35 million to date. AnaCardio is based in Stockholm, Sweden.

Find more information about AnaCardio at www.anacardio.com and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

About Helsinn

Helsinn is a global pharmaceutical company that builds, manufactures, launches, and commercializes products to improve the quality of life for patients with cancer and chronic disease, with a focus on supportive care, oncology and dermatology. Helsinn, headquartered in Lugano, Switzerland, has direct commercial operations in the U.S. and a consolidated network of partners to reach out to patients in more than 190 countries worldwide.

Established in 1976, Helsinn is a fourth-generation family-owned company with broad pharmaceutical and technical expertise. Helsinn is proud of its history of operating with great

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integrity, passion and quality. The company is committed to continuously striving for innovation for its patients and embracing sustainable growth as a core element of its strategic vision.

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