



Newsletter 03 / 2016



We are pleased to welcome you to the first BattLab newsletter. This newsletter will bring you the latest news and information about our laboratory and all tests that we can offer to all our clients.

BattLab expansion

From February 2015, with the cooperation of our partner **LABOKLIN** located in Germany, the laboratory has doubled in size and the spectrum of tests offered by BattLab had been greatly increased.



Laboklin, Bad Kissingen



BattLab, Coventry

The **professional staff** has also been expanded with two experienced Board Certified Veterinary Clinical Pathologists including, **Noel Clancey** (Dip ACVCP) and **Francesco Cian** (DipECVCP), offering high quality and rapid in-house cytology service. [Click here for more details.](#)

SDMA testing

Now available to all our clients, **SDMA is a new test** to help evaluate kidney function in both dogs and cats. SDMA is an amino acid formed at a constant rate during the protein metabolism of arginine, and excreted via the kidney. Because it is a low interference biomarker, it is a **good indicator of glomerular filtration rate (GFR)**, much more sensitive than creatinine. Unlike creatinine, SDMA is not affected by other factors (such as muscle mass) and concentrations increase when GFR decreases to 30%, compared with 70% for creatinine. Therefore, decreased renal function can be detected earlier.



Sample needed: 0.5ml serum

Turnaround time: 3 working days

For more information contact the laboratory.

Seminars

We are pleased to announce the first of a **series of seminars** at BattLab, addressed to veterinarians and focused on clinical pathology.

Title: "Essential cytology for the general practitioner"

Date: Wednesday 16th of March 2016, Starting 19:30

Venue: The Venture Centre, University of Warwick Science Park, Sir William Lyons Road, Coventry CV4 7EZ



Few spaces still available! Contact the laboratory (admin@battlab.com) for registration.

More seminars will follow soon. Keep an eye to our **Facebook page** for more information: www.facebook.com/BattLab

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We hear from Francesco Cian, Clinical Pathologist at Battlab.

How long have you been at BattLab?

I joined Battlab almost 6 months ago in October 2015.

Why do you do what you do?

I have always been fascinated by pathology, the discipline focused on the examination of organs, blood, and body fluids to diagnose disease. Since I was at university, I also found the clinical aspects and practical application of this discipline very interesting, so I chose to specialise in clinical pathology.

I think the role of the clinical pathologist is very important in the veterinary world, since it can help the clinician reach a definitive diagnosis and then choose the best therapeutic option for the patient.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love travelling and experiencing different cultures and as soon as I can I go back home to Italy, especially in the summertime. I have a passion for cinema, especially from European directors. Grand Budapest Hotel and Amelie are my favourite movies. I also enjoy spending my spare time going to the gym and practicing yoga.



Yours sincerely,

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