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#### **Abstract**

**Objective** To determine the microglial and astrocyte response to painful lameness in horses. **Study design** Ionized calcium binding adaptor molecule 1 (Iba-1) and glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP) expression, cell density and morphology were determined through immunofluorescence within the dorsal horn of equine spinal cord.

**Animals** Five adult horses with acute or chronic unilateral lameness, previously scheduled for euthanasia.

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