**Supplementary Item 1:** An overview of the scores used during the joint and lameness assessment and an explanation of each individual score

| Parameter                              | Score | Definition                                      |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Local temperature at injection site    | 0     | no increased temperature sensation              |
|                                        | 1     | slightly increased temperature sensation        |
|                                        | 2     | moderate increased temperature sensation        |
|                                        | 3     | severe increased temperature sensation          |
| Pain on palpation at local injection site | 0     | no pain on palpation                            |
|                                        | 1     | slight pain on palpation                        |
|                                        | 2     | moderate pain on palpation                      |
|                                        | 3     | severe pain on palpation                        |
| Range of motion of the joint           | 0     | normal range of motion                          |
|                                        | 1     | limited (abnormal) range of motion               |
| Joint effusion                         | 0     | none                                            |
|                                        | 1     | mild                                            |
|                                        | 2     | moderate                                        |
|                                        | 3     | severe                                          |
|                                        | 4     | extreme (peri-articular)                        |
| Response to flexion                    | 0     | no response to flexion                          |
|                                        | 1     | mild response to flexion                        |
|                                        | 2     | moderate response to flexion                    |
|                                        | 3     | severe response to flexion                      |