

Supplementary File 1.

Additional details of post mortem examination and organ sampling.

During post mortem examination the pulmonary, cardiac, portal and splenic vasculature, aortic bifurcation and the caudal vena cava were specifically investigated for evidence of macrothrombi.

Specific organ sampling sites during the post mortem examination included 1cm³ sections of lung (left cranial (cranial and caudal part) and caudal lobe, right cranial, middle and caudal lobe each); heart (left ventricle, atrium, right ventricle and atrium); liver (left medial and lateral, and the right medial and lateral lobes); spleen (head, body and tail); kidney (renal medulla and cortex at the cranial, middle and caudal aspects of each kidney); adrenals (transverse slices through the center of each adrenal); pancreas (right and left limb and body); and cerebrum (transverse section across each cerebral hemisphere). In addition, each organ mentioned above was routinely cut sagittally and transversally into approximately 1 cm blocks to visually evaluate and physically palpate for macroscopic abnormalities including possible thrombosis (altered color or perfusion). Additional samples were taken for histopathological evaluation when abnormalities were identified.