

Statement Regarding DAKKS Accreditation

This statement is in response to comments made (in writing) by the Lyme Disease Action Charity in the U.K.

ArminLabs is a new and independent laboratory, the laboratory was set up this year and opened on 23rd January 2015.

We would like to clarify a few points made by the LDA:

"Infectolab, where Dr. Schwarzbach used to work". Dr. Schwarzbach founded and established Infectolab and was the CEO till October 2014. Dr. Schwarzbach worked on accreditation with his chief assistant and experienced accreditation specialist Ms. Sigrid Zeidler. Ms. Zeidler was in fact the accreditation specialist for the complete Synlab group: www.synlab.com before joining Dr. Schwarzbach in his former laboratory, Infectolab). Between 2012 and 2013, both Dr. Schwarzbach and also Ms. Sigrid Zeidler accredited the laboratory structure for Infectolab.

It is of course publicly known that Dr. Schwarzbach became independent from the BCA clinic (Infectolab is part of the BCA clinic as a clinic laboratory for the BCA clinic), and leading accreditation specialist Ms. Sigrid Zeidler ArminLabs joined Dr. Schwarzbach at his new laboratory, ArminLabs.

ArminLabs are at present in the midst of the accreditation process and this will be fully completed and formalised in the next few months.

Dr. Schwarzbach would like to include that his laboratory structure and workflow is almost identical as his former laboratory Infectolab, but with some considerable improvements added.

To clarify: CE certification is different from accreditation in Germany. Accreditation means the formalisation of paperwork, based technically on CE-certified tests. ArminLabs is using same CE-certified Elispots as Dr. Schwarzbach's former laboratory, Infectolab.

So, to clarify again, we are using CE-certified tests for all bacteria and viruses at Arminlabs.

It may also be worth pointing out that Dr. Schwarzbach's former laboratory Infectolab hasn't existed by name for several weeks, meaning that the DAKKS website is in fact inaccurate, and needs updating.

Dr. Schwarzbach is saddened and also concerned that such negative and false accusations based on misinformation are being used against himself and his laboratory. He has written to the test producer AID and is awaiting their response regarding misleading and inaccurate comments that have been made, we will publicise these as soon as we are able to.

It is difficult to understand why any organisation that is claiming to want to help Lyme Disease patients, would want to spread misinformation and try to cause damage to those people who are truly doing their best to help both patients and health professionals alike.

Of course, if at any time the Lyme Disease Action Charity would like to contact Dr. Schwarzbach directly to discuss any of their concerns rather than public unfounded accusations, he would more than welcome this.

Dr. Armin Schwarzbach and the ArminLabs Team