

Drug Exemption Of Wiggins Defended By Team Sky Boss

Team Sky boss [Dave Brailsford](#) has defended the decision to obtain special permission for Bradley Wiggins to receive injections of Triamcinolone, a banned drug before three major races, including his historic win in the 2012 Tour de France.

Brailsford reiterated his belief that Team Sky had done nothing wrong. The Team Sky boss denied that this was remotely similar to the doping so prevalent in the sport a decade ago. Brailsford commented what we're talking about here is Bradley having a need, the team doctor supporting that, an expert giving their opinion that this is the medicine that is required, and that then going to the authorities who say that we agree with you, and here is the certificate that gives you the permission to use that medication.

Brailsford added he has got trust in the [therapeutic use exemption](#) process and the integrity of that process. The chief of Team Sky added it is not one person making that decision and further remarked it is not the rider or the team doctor, who is picking the medication as they have to seek permission to use it and they were granted permission. The 52-year-old added the brilliant team of doctors of Team Sky has a duty to help the riders be as healthy as they can be, and the riders are supported in every aspect of their performance. The Team Sky boss rejected any comparisons with former dopers and remarked certain dopers, who cheated with a cocktail of drugs, claim they used this and abused it for performance enhancement and that is not the case here.

Brailsford went on to defend reputation of his team by remarking one-hundred per cent you can trust in Sky, absolutely 100 percent and also added this is the very essence of why we created this team in the first place. Brailsford added this sport had a difficult time in the past and the whole reason for creating the team was so that young guys leaving (Manchester's National Cycling Centre) could go and you'd know they would never be pressurized to cheat.

A group of Russian computer hackers recently leaked medical records of several athletes including Wiggins. It was disclosed Bradley Wiggins used the powerful anti-inflammatory drug on the eve of the 2011 and 2012 Tours and 2013 Giro d'Italia. The 36-year-old British star applied was granted three therapeutic use exemptions (TUEs) to take

Triamcinolone to deal with a pollen allergy that aggravates his long-standing asthma condition. The TUEs of Wiggins were approved by the UCI, the world governing body of cycling, and there is no suggestion that he or the team have broken any rules.

However, Triamcinolone is widely used as a [doping agent](#) and has the potential of assisting athletes to lose weight, fight fatigue, and aid recovery.

Wiggins, who last month in Rio became Team GB's most decorated Olympian with his eighth medal, said he was not seeking an "unfair advantage" but was trying to level the playing field so he could perform at the highest level.