

## **Doctor Linked To Salazar Accused Of Falsifying Records**

A doctor who has worked closely with Alberto Salazar, the coach of [Mo Farah](#), has been accused of deliberately falsifying medical records before he handed documents to the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

Dr Jeffrey Brown, a Houston-based endocrinologist, was accused of changing a note showing details of an infusion of the controversial [amino acid L-carnitine](#) to the former Nike Oregon Project employee Steve Magness in 2011. Brown, who has been under investigation since 2015 by USADA, denied any wrongdoing.

Magness – a key whistleblower in a 2015 Panorama documentary against Salazar – said at least one of the records that Brown gave to the United States Anti-Doping Agency regarding his own treatment appeared to have been altered and did not match with the copy he has from a visit four years earlier. Magness was given an infusion of L-carnitine at that visit. This is a medical procedure that involved Dr Brown putting him on a drip for more than four hours.

In 2014, Farah received one injection of L-carnitine before the London marathon. UK Athletics doctor Robin Chakraverty insisted that was well within the legal limit but failed to record the precise figure administered to Farah, which was described as “inexcusable” by the UKA chairman, Ed Warner, in parliament.

It was reported by the BBC that a number of ticks seem to have been added under ‘EXAM’ options, including ‘General,’ ‘Lungs,’ ‘Thyroid,’ ‘CV’ (cardio vascular), and ‘Neuro’ in the document provided by Brown to USADA that suggested a full health check was carried out by Dr Brown on Magness.

Joan Lucci Bain, the lawyer of Brown, said all medical records provided to the United States Anti-Doping Agency were accurate. The lawyer also said the records were given with patient consent.

A leaked interim report by the United States Anti-Doping Agency to the [Texas Medical Board](#), written in March 2016 and published recently online, also suggested that some other records, particularly those of the 2008 Olympic marathoner Dathan Ritzenhein, were also altered by Brown. The USADA report revealed that medical records of Ritzenhein were tweaked surreptitiously to suggest an infusion of the amino acid L-carnitine was “40ml” – within the 50ml limit by the World Anti-Doping Agency when the original document had no such measurement.

The USADA report alleges Dr Brown committed at least four anti-doping violations but the doctor vehemently denies breaking anti-doping rules. It was concluded by the USADA report that Salazar and Dr Brown were aware that infusions given to NOP athletes including Magness and Dathan Ritzenhein were above the legal limits and broke the World Anti-Doping Agency's rules. The report also said the United States Anti-Doping Agency has found that these potential anti-doping rule violations appear to have wholly or largely occurred in the context of a larger conspiracy between Nike Oregon Project coach Alberto Salazar and Houston endocrinologist Dr Jeffrey Brown to collude in order to employ risky and untested alternative and unconventional and sometimes potentially unlawful uses of medical

procedures and prescription medications including both substances and methods prohibited under the rules of sport to attempt to increase the testosterone, energy and blood levels of Nike Oregon Project athletes in order to boost athletic performance.

Dr Brown is presently investigated by the Texas Medical Board.