

## AIU STATEMENT ON THE ALEX SCHWAZER MATTER

**07 APRIL 2022, MONACO:** The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) have carried out additional investigations into allegations made by Judge Pelino from the Bolzano region of Italy that Mr Alex Schwazer's urine sample collected by World Athletics on 1 January 2016 had 'likely been manipulated'. A study involving the analysis of urinary DNA concentrations of 100 samples from male endurance athletes conducted by the Forensic Genetic Unit in Lausanne, Switzerland and a report from the leading international anti-doping scientist, Professor Martial Saugy from the University of Lausanne, together conclusively explain why the manipulation scenario cited by Judge Pelino is wholly implausible and incorrect.

WADA and AIU's detailed joint statement can be found [here](#).

The DNA concentration study can be found [here](#).

Professor Saugy's report can be found [here](#).

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### About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body created by the World Athletics that manages all integrity issues - both doping and non-doping - for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.

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