ZILPATEROL

The World Anti-Doping Agency wishes to draw the attention of the Laboratories to the following remarks and instructions on the analysis and reporting of zilpaterol.

Over the recent months, a few cases of zilpaterol at low urinary concentrations (ranging from approx. 30 to 1400 pg/mL) were reported to WADA.

Based on the lack of documented evidence for the frequent use of zilpaterol as a doping agent and its use as a legal animal feeding product in some countries, WADA has conducted an investigation which led to the conclusion that such cases are more likely to originate from the consumption of meat containing residues of zilpaterol at levels which are generally deemed permissible by food safety authorities.

On the basis of zilpaterol's pharmacokinetic properties acquired in the course of this investigation and following the review of the dossier by the Laboratory Expert Group, WADA requests that all the WADA accredited laboratories contact the WADA Science Department when considering the reporting of zilpaterol cases in the future. Such procedures should remain in place until further notice.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WADA Science Department.