

The Olympic Drug Test



Chemistry Outreach

The Contaminated Samples

- 1. As a team, prepare a 'large' TLC plate with five marks.
- 2. 'Spot' your contaminated samples onto the plate (Figs. 1+2).
- 5. Place the TLC plate under UV light and draw around any visible marks (Fig. 5).

Contaminated sample from team member 1-4

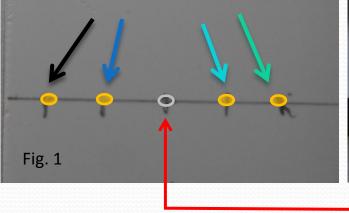
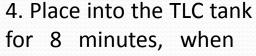


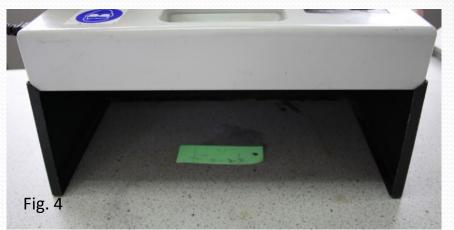


Fig. 3

3. 'Spot' a sample of drug 'X' (caffeine) onto the middle mark (Figs. 1+3).



finished place on white filter paper and mark the solution line (Fig. 4).



6. You should now be able to compare the labelled samples to sample 'X' and figure out which athlete consumed caffeine...

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