

Fentanyl-positive non-opioids from drug checking in British Columbia: October 2021								
Date	Location [City]	Expected Drug [Category]	Appearance	FTIR Results	Strip Results		Notes	Confirmatory Results
					Fentanyl	Benzo		
Oct 12 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	White chunk	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain match	Positive	Negative	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Oct 14 2021	ASK Wellness [Kamloops]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	Colourless crystal	Methamphetamine, Caffeine	Positive	N/A	Technician noted purple granule present in crystals. Caffeine detected by FTIR suggests <i>down</i> presence also.	Not available at this location.
Oct 23 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Flualprazolam [Depressant]	White tablet (pharmaceutical)	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain match	Positive	Negative	Noted as possible cross-contamination from <i>down</i> samples checked by participant.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Oct 23 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	Light brown powder	Flualprazolam, Alprazolam	Positive	Positive	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Oct 23 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	Light brown powder	Caffeine, Flualprazolam, Alprazolam, Uncertain match	Positive	Positive	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Oct 27 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	White pressed tablet	Dicalcium phosphate, Uncertain match	Positive	Negative	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.

Notes

- 1) Samples of methamphetamine or crack cocaine are known to return positive fentanyl test strip results if someone has recently touched fentanyl (i.e., cross-contamination). This is also common if baggies are reused or used to store multiple drugs.
- 2) With pills that test positive for fentanyl, it is not possible to tell if the fentanyl is inside the pill or contaminating the exterior with a test strip result alone.
- 3) Drug checking results are available on drugcheckingbc.ca. Questions? Email drugchecking@bccsu.ubc.ca.