Peer-Reviewed FDA Study: Olive Oil Adulteration ‘Rare’ in U.S.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) tested the authenticity of olive oil, and the peer-reviewed findings were published in the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists’ Society*.¹

Extra virgin olive oil samples taken off the shelves of Washington, D.C.-area retail outlets

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**NO confirmed adulteration in any of the samples**

**Conclusion:** Occurrence rate of adulteration for the market samples analyzed was “low”

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The FDA’s findings mirror the results of the NAOOA’s robust monitoring efforts:

- Sampled an average of 200 olive oils annually for 20 years
- Samples come directly from retail shelves
- Tested in independent labs certified by the International Olive Council

The cumulative results of the NAOOA’s testing support the finding that **98% of olive oil sold in U.S. retail outlets is authentic.**

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