Performance Testing for Axygen® Automation Tip (TTF-200-CBK-HTR-S)

Application Note



Method

The liquid handling arm (LiHa) on the Tecan® Freedom EVO® liquid handling workstation was used to assess precision as coefficient of variation (% CV), and accuracy as percent deviation (% D), for Axygen 200 μ L tips.

To test the ability of the tip to dispense accurately and precisely at two dispense volumes, 17.5 μ L and 175 μ L, a column of 8 tips aspirated from an Axygen low profile reservoir (Corning Cat. No. RES-SW96-LP) and dispensed into a Corning® 96-well, black, clear bottom microplate (Corning Cat. No. 3631).

For the 17.5 μ L test volume on the LiHa, a column of 8 tips were arranged so that each tip aspirated 17.5 μ L of Range B solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-204) and dispensed 17.5 μ L into 182.5 μ L of

diluent solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-202) in each well. For the 175 μ L test volume on the LiHa, a column of 8 tips were arranged so that each tip aspirated 175 μ L of Range A solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-203) and dispensed 175 μ L into 25 μ L of diluent solution in each well. To determine the volume of liquid dispensed in each well, absorbance readings for the solutions (diluted Range B solution for 17.5 μ L dispense and Range A solution for 175 μ L dispense) were measured using an Artel ELx800NB® plate reader (Artel Cat. No. 1311197). Each study was performed 6 independent times for a total of 48 tip dispenses for the 17.5 μ L and 175 μ L test volume. Evaluation criteria include % D from the set dispense volume and % CV of the measured dispense volume for the tip dispenses.

Results

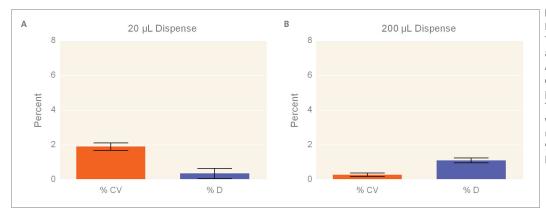


Figure 1. Analysis of TTF-200-CBK-HTR-S tip with aqueous dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen TTF-200-CBK-HTR-S tips dispensing (A) 17.5 μ L and (B) 175 μ L volumes using the LiHa on the Tecan Freedom EVO liquid handling workstation were determined using the Artel MVS® system. The % CV and % D were below 2% for both 17.5 μ L and 175 μ L dispenses.

Table 1. Aqueous Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	17.5	175	
n	48	48	
% CV	1.92 ± 0.21	0.30 ± 0.10	
% D	0.37 ± 0.29	1.12 ± 0.14	
Outliers	0	0	

Conclusion

The % CV and % D for the Axygen automation TTF-200-CBK-HTR-S tips dispensing 17.5 μ L and 175 μ L were 5% or below. Therefore, Axygen automation TTF-200-CBK-HTR-S tips can precisely and accurately dispense volumes as low as 17.5 μ L and as high as 175 μ L for aqueous solution using the LiHa on the Tecan Freedom EVO liquid handling workstation.

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