Performance Testing for Axygen® Automation Tip (PK-20-R)

Application Note



Method

The PerkinElmer Janus® liquid handling workstation was used to assess precision as coefficient of variation (% CV), and accuracy as percent deviation (% D) for Axygen 20 µL tips.

To test the ability of the tip to dispense accurately and precisely at two dispense volumes, 2 μ L and 20 μ L, a rack of 96 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 2 μ L test volume, each tip aspirated 2 μ L of Range C solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-205) or DMSO Range C solution

(Artel Cat. No. MVS-217 solution) and dispensed 2 μ L into 198 μ L of diluent solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-202) in each well. For the 20 μ L test volume, each tip aspirated 20 μ L of Range B solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-204) and dispensed 20 μ L into 180 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 C solution for 2 μ L dispense and Range B solution for 20 μ L dispense) were measured using an Artel ELx800NB® plate reader (Artel Cat. No. 1311197). Each study was performed 3 independent times for a total of 288 tip dispenses. Evaluation criteria include % D from the set dispense volume and % CV of the measured dispense volume for the 288 tip dispenses.

Results

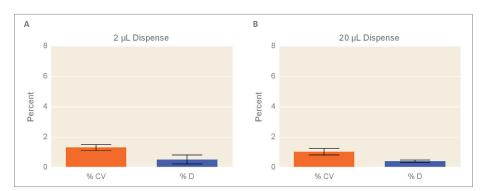


Figure 1. Analysis of PK-20-R tip with aqueous dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen PK-20-R tips dispensing (A) 2 μL and (B) 20 μL volumes using the PerkinElmer Janus liquid handling workstation were determined using the Artel MVS® system. The % CV and % D were below 1.5 % for both 2 μL and 20 μL dispenses, n = 288.

Table 1. Aqueous Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	2	20
n	288	288
% CV	1.32± 0.19	1.04 ± 0.21
% D	0.53 ± 0.30	0.42 ± 0.08
Outliers	0	0

Conclusion

The % CV and % D for the Axygen automation PK-20-R tips dispensing 2 μ L and 20 μ L were 5% or below. Therefore, Axygen automation PK-20-R tips can precisely and accurately dispense volumes as low as 2 μ L and as high as 20 μ L for aqueous and DMSO solutions using the PerkinElmer Janus liquid handling workstation.

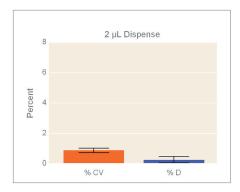


Figure 2. Analysis of PK-20-R tip with DMSO dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen PK-20-R dispensing 2 μ L volumes using the PerkinElmer Janus® liquid handling workstation were determined using the Artel MVS® system. The % CV and % D were below 1% for the 2 μ L dispense, n = 288.

Table 2. DMSO Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	2
n	288
% CV	0.99 ± 0.15
% D	0.26 ± 0.21
Outliers	0



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