

## Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (BFE) at an Increased Challenge Level Final Report

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Test Article: (Lot #2) Sample BFE\_0\_01, Sample BFE\_0\_02, Sample BFE\_0\_03, Sample BFE\_0\_04, Sample BFE\_0\_05  
Purchase Order: MM2T200BVPFE01  
Study Number: 1522141-S01  
Study Received Date: 09 Jun 2022  
Test Started Date: 16 Jun 2022  
Test Finished Date: 22 Jun 2022  
Testing Facility: Nelson Laboratories, LLC  
6280 S. Redwood Rd.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84123 U.S.A.  
Test Procedure(s): Standard Test Protocol (STP) Number: STP0009 Rev 15  
Deviation(s): None

**Summary:** This test procedure was performed to evaluate the BFE of test articles at an increased challenge level. A suspension of *Staphylococcus aureus*, ATCC #6538, was delivered to the test article at a challenge level of greater than  $10^6$  colony forming units (CFU). The challenge was aerosolized using a nebulizer and delivered to the test article at a fixed air pressure and flow rate of 30 liters per minute (LPM). The aerosol droplets were generated in a glass aerosol chamber and drawn through the test article into all glass impingers (AGIs) for collection. The challenge was delivered for a one minute interval and sampling through the AGIs was conducted for two minutes to clear the aerosol chamber. The mean particle size (MPS) control was performed at a flow rate of 28.3 LPM using a six-stage, viable particle, Andersen sampler for collection.

This test procedure was modified from Nelson Laboratories, LLC (NL), standard BFE procedure in order to employ a more severe challenge than would be experienced in normal use. This method was adapted from ASTM F2101. All test method acceptance criteria were met. Testing was performed in compliance with US FDA good manufacturing practice (GMP) regulations 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 and 820.

Challenge Flow Rate: 30 LPM  
Area Tested: Entire Test Article  
Side Tested: Inside  
Challenge Level:  $1.5 \times 10^6$  CFU  
MPS:  $\sim 3.0 \mu\text{m}$   
Test Monitor Results: Acceptable

James Luskin electronically approved  
Study Director

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Study Completion Date and Time

**Results:**

Test Article Number	Total CFU Recovered	Filtration Efficiency (%)
1	6.4 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	99.9958
2	3.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	99.77
3	6.5 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	99.9958
4	5.5 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	99.9964
5	3.2 x 10 <sup>2</sup>	99.979

The filtration efficiency percentages were calculated using the following equation:

$$\% BFE = \frac{C - T}{C} \times 100$$

C = Challenge Level  
T = Total CFU recovered downstream of the test article