

Half-Unit Dose Accuracy with HumaPen® Luxura™ HD: An Insulin Pen for Patients Who Need Precise Dosing

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Abstract

Background:

The HumaPen® Luxura™ HD insulin pen (Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, IN) was originally designed to deliver accurate doses in half-unit increments from 1 to 30 units. Laboratory testing examined the accuracy of the initial 0.5-unit dose within a 95/95% tolerance interval with respect to a specification of ± 0.5 unit (± 0.005 ml).

Methods:

After priming, operators recorded the first 0.5 unit. Data were analyzed using *k*-value targets.

Results:

While examining 577 half-unit doses per device lot, test temperature, operator, or test liquid, at least 95% of the doses were accurate with 95% confidence. All data points were within ± 0.5 unit (± 0.005 ml).

Conclusions:

Dose accuracy of the initial half-unit is achieved with the HumaPen Luxura HD insulin pen.

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Abbreviations: (DAGF) dose accuracy glide force test system, (ILPS) insulin lispro protamine suspension, (ISO) International Organization for Standardization, (RT) room temperature, (V&S) vial and syringe

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