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**Summary of Safety and Effectiveness**

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GEN-PROBE® APTIMA COMBO2® Assay  
GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® Specimen Transfer Kit

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## General Information

**Trade Name:** GEN-PROBE® APTIMA COMBO2® Assay

**Common or Usual Name:** Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) target-amplified nucleic acid probe test for the *in vitro* diagnostic detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

**Classification Names:** DNA Probe, Nucleic Acid Amplification, Chlamydia  
DNA Reagents, Neisseria

### APTIMA Combo 2 Assay

Device Description DNA Probe, Nucleic Acid Amplification, Chlamydia  
Medical Specialty Microbiology  
Product Code MKZ  
Device Class 1  
Regulation number 866.3120

Device Description DNA Reagents, Neisseria  
Medical Specialty Microbiology  
Product Code LSL  
Device Class 2  
Regulation number 866.3390

### Substantially Equivalent Devices:

APTIMA Combo 2 Assay (K003395)

Roche COBAS AMPLICOR™ CT/NG Test  
(P950039/S008)

## **Device Description**

Clearance of this premarket notification extends the clinical performance claims of the commercially available GEN-PROBE APTIMA Combo 2 Assay to include PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens (collected and processed by the Cytoc ThinPrep 2000 Processor) as acceptable testing specimens. The ancillary kit formulated for this specific application is the GEN-PROBE APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit. The components of the APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit include: (1) a transport tube containing transport media with a penetrable cap and (2) specific instructions for use regarding decontamination and specimen processing procedures. The APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit may only be used in conjunction with GEN-PROBE APTIMA Assays for the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*.

## Intended Use

### AC2 Assay package insert:

The APTIMA Combo 2 Assay is a target amplification nucleic acid probe test that utilizes target capture for the *in vitro* qualitative detection and differentiation of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) from *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) in clinician-collected endocervical, vaginal, and male urethral swab specimens, patient-collected vaginal swab specimens\*, and female and male urine specimens. The assay is also intended for use with testing of gynecological specimens collected in the PreservCyt Solution and processed with the Cytoc ThinPrep 2000 System. The assay may be used to test specimens from symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals to aid in the diagnosis of gonococcal and/or chlamydial urogenital disease.

\*Patient-collected vaginal swab specimens are an option for screening women when a pelvic exam is not otherwise indicated. The vaginal swab specimen collection kit is not for home use.

### Ancillary Kit package insert:

The GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® Specimen Transfer Kit is only for use with GEN-PROBE APTIMA assays for the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. The GEN-PROBE APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit allows for APTIMA Assay testing of gynecological specimens collected and processed by the Cytoc ThinPrep 2000 Processor according to the instructions provided.

## APTIMA Combo 2 Assay

A complete description of the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay is provided in the commercialized package insert.

### Summary of Non-Clinical (Analytical Laboratory) Performance Data

#### Limit of Detection (Analytical Sensitivity)

*Chlamydia trachomatis* analytical sensitivity (limits of detection) was determined by directly comparing dilutions of *C. trachomatis* organisms in cell culture and in the assay. The analytical sensitivity claim for the assay is one Inclusion-Forming Unit (IFU) per assay (9.75 IFU/mL PreservCyt liquid Pap) for all 15 *C. trachomatis* serovars. However, dilutions of less than 1 IFU/assay of all serovars tested positive in the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay.

*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* analytical sensitivity was determined by directly comparing dilutions of 20 different clinical isolates in culture and in the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay. The analytical sensitivity claim for the assay is 50 cells/assay (488 cells/mL PreservCyt liquid Pap). However, all strains tested were positive at less than 50 cells/assay.

#### Analytical Specificity

The *Chlamydia* and *Neisseria* species were used to evaluate the analytical specificity of the AC2 Assay. A total of 50 culture isolates were tested in the PreservCyt liquid Pap media. These isolates included 47 *Neisseria* strains and two species of *Chlamydia* (two strains of *Chlamydia psittaci* and one strain of *Chlamydia pneumoniae*). All organisms except *C. psittaci* and *C. pneumoniae* were tested at greater than  $1.0 \times 10^6$  cells/assay in the mixed solution (PreservCyt/STM). For *C. psittaci*, two isolates were tested – VR601 at a concentration of  $7.91 \times 10^4$  cells/assay, and VR629 at a concentration of  $1 \times 10^4$  CELD<sub>50</sub>/0.2 mL. For *C. pneumoniae* (VR1360), the tested concentration was  $3.95 \times 10^3$

cells/assay. The list of organisms tested and their corresponding AC2 Assay results are provided in the Table below

#### Analytical Specificity – PreservCyt liquid Pap Specimen Study

ORGANISM	ORGANISM
<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>	<i>Neisseria cinerea</i> (4)
<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>	<i>Neisseria dentrificans</i>
<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>	<i>Neisseria lactamica</i> (9)
<i>Neisseria elongate</i> (3)	<i>N. meningitidis</i> Serogroup A
<i>Neisseria flava</i>	<i>N. meningitidis</i> Serogroup B
<i>Neisseria mucosa</i>	<i>N. meningitidis</i> Serogroup C (4)
<i>Neisseria mucosa</i>	<i>N. meningitidis</i> Serogroup D
<i>Neisseria perflava</i>	<i>N. meningitidis</i> Serogroup Y
<i>Neisseria sicca</i>	<i>N. meningitidis</i> Serogroup W135
<i>Neisseria sicca</i>	<i>Neisseria polysaccharea</i>
<i>Neisseria subflava</i> (14)	

(n) = number of strains tested

All organisms tested produced a negative result in the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay.

#### Interference Studies

The following substances commonly present in cervical specimens that were tested in the assay. 10% blood, contraceptive jelly, spermicide, moisturizer, hemorrhoidal anesthetic, body oil, powder, anti-fungal cream, vaginal lubricants, feminine spray, and leukocytes ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells/mL).

All were tested for potential assay interference in the absence and presence of *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* at the estimated rRNA equivalent of one *C. trachomatis* IFU/assay (5 fg/assay) and 50 *N. gonorrhoeae* cell/assay (250 fg/assay). The rRNA equivalents were calculated based on the genome size and estimated DNA:RNA ratio/cell of each organism. No interference was observed with any of the tested substances.

#### Recovery

*Escherichia coli*, *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Bacteroides ureolyticus* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ( $1 \times 10^8$  cells/assay) were added to samples containing the rRNA equivalent of approximately 1 *C. trachomatis* IFU (5 fg) and 50 *N. gonorrhoeae* cells (250 fg). These additions did not interfere with the amplification and detection of *C. trachomatis* or *N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA using the AC2 Assay.

### **PreservCyt Liquid Pap Specimen Stability Studies**

Data to support the recommended shipping and storage conditions for PreservCyt liquid Pap samples were generated with pooled negative PreservCyt liquid Pap samples. Four pooled samples were spiked with *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* at final concentrations of 10 IFU and 100 CFU per reaction, respectively. The PreservCyt liquid Pap samples were placed at 30°C for 7 days, after which 1 mL of the sample was added to an APTIMA Transfer Tube. The spiked samples were held at 4°C, 10°C and 30°C. Samples stored at 4°C and 10°C were tested in duplicate at days 0, 6, 13, 26, 30 and 36. Samples stored at 30°C were tested in duplicate at days 0, 5, 8, 14 and 17. Four spiked PreservCyt liquid Pap sample pools were added to APTIMA Transfer Tubes and placed at 30°C for 14 days before being stored at -20°C. The -20°C samples were tested in duplicate after 0, 30, 60, 90 and 106 days of storage. All test conditions were positive for both *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* at all times and temperatures.

### **Precision**

Reproducibility was established with a 12-member panel generated by spiking PreservCyt Solution with 0 to 2000 fg/assay of *C. trachomatis* and 0 to 5,000 fg/assay of *N. gonorrhoeae* rRNA and aliquotting 1mL into the APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit collection tube. Two (2) operators at each of the three sites performed one run per day on each of three days, totaling three valid runs per operator. The results of the precision study are summarized in the table below. Reproducibility when testing PreservCyt liquid Pap clinical specimens containing target organism has not been determined.

**APTIMA Combo 2 Assay Precision Study - PreservCyt Solution**

Concentration (fg/assay)		Inter-Site		Inter-Operator		Inter-Run		Intra-Run		
CT	GC	n	Agrmt(%)	Mean RLU (x1000)	SD (x1000)	CV(%)	SD (x1000)	CV(%)	SD (x1000)	CV(%)
0	0	162	97.5	9.7	6.4	N/A	4.7	N/A	3.4	N/A
0	5,000	54	96.3	1296	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.8	4.2
2,000	0	54	100	1140	101	8.9	2.4	0.2	79.8	7.0
2,000	5,000	54	100	2345	94.7	4.0	37.9	1.6	78.0	3.3
0	250	54	100	953	161	16.9	90.7	9.5	0.0	0.0
5	0	54	100	971	22.8	2.4	85.0	8.8	71.7	7.4
1,000	2,500	54	100	2294	153	6.7	0.0	0.0	88.9	3.9
100	250	54	98.1	1911	348	18.2	39.7	2.1	130	6.8
5	5,000	54	100	2136	98.8	4.6	166	7.8	130	6.1
2,000	250	54	96.3	2044	360	17.6	26.9	1.3	169	8.3

N/A = not applicable for negative panel members

Agrmt = Agreement, CV = Coefficient of variation, RLU = Relative Light Units, SD = Standard deviation

## PreservCyt Liquid Pap Specimen Clinical Study Results

A prospective multi-center clinical study was conducted to evaluate the use of the PreservCyt Solution (a component of the ThinPrep 2000 System) as an alternative medium for gynecological specimens for the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. One thousand six hundred forty-seven (1,647) symptomatic and asymptomatic female subjects attending OB/GYN, family planning, public health, women's and STD clinics were evaluated in the clinical study. Of the 1,647 evaluable subjects, 1,288 were asymptomatic subjects and 359 were symptomatic subjects. Subjects were enrolled from sites with CT prevalence that ranged from 3.2 to 14.0% and GC prevalence that ranged from 0 to 5.0%. Two specimens were collected from each eligible subject: one PreservCyt Solution specimen and one endocervical swab. PreservCyt Solution specimens were processed in accordance with the ThinPrep 2000 Processor Operator's Manual and APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit Package Insert. After processing the PreservCyt Solution specimen with the ThinPrep 2000 Processor, the specimen was transferred into the APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit for testing with the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay. The PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens and endocervical swab specimens were tested with the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay.

Sensitivity and specificity for PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens were calculated by comparing results to a patient infected status algorithm. In the algorithm, the designation of a subject as being infected or non-infected with *C. trachomatis* or *N.gonorrhoeae* was based on endocervical swab specimen results from two commercially-available NAATs. For *C. trachomatis*, the reference NAATs included the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay and the APTIMA CT Assay. For *N. gonorrhoeae*, the reference NAATs included the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay and the APTIMA GC Assay. Positive results from both reference NAATs were required to establish an *infected* patient. A *non-infected* patient was established if the results from the two reference NAATs disagreed or were negative.

Sensitivity and specificity for *C. trachomatis* in PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens tested in the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay, by symptom status and overall, is presented in Table 1. For

*C. trachomatis*, overall sensitivity was 96.7% (87/90). In symptomatic and asymptomatic subjects, sensitivity was 96.7% (29/30) and 96.7% (58/60), respectively. Overall specificity for *C. trachomatis* PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens was 99.2% (1545/1557). In symptomatic and asymptomatic subjects, specificity was 98.5% (324/329) and 99.4% (1221/1228), respectively. Table 2 shows the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay sensitivity and specificity values for *C. trachomatis* in PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens by clinical site and overall. For *C. trachomatis*, the sensitivity ranged from 92.9% to 100%. The specificity ranged from 97.7% to 100%.

Sensitivity and specificity for *N. gonorrhoeae* in PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens tested in the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay, by symptom status and overall, is presented in Table 3. For *N. gonorrhoeae*, overall sensitivity was 92.3% (12/13). In symptomatic and asymptomatic subjects, sensitivity was 100% (7/7) and 83.3% (5/6), respectively. Overall specificity for *N. gonorrhoeae* PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens was 99.8% (1630/1633). In symptomatic and asymptomatic subjects, specificity was 100% (352/352) and 99.8% (1278/1281), respectively. Table 4 shows the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay sensitivity and specificity values for *N. gonorrhoeae* in PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens by clinical site and overall. For *N. gonorrhoeae*, the sensitivity ranged from 80.0% to 100%. Specificity ranged from 99.0% to 100%.

The distribution of cervical sampling devices used in this clinical study according to clinical site is summarized in the table below.

#### Cervical sampling devices

Cervical sampling device used	Clinical Collection Site						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Spatula/Cytobrush	0	124	475	287	57	364	1307
Broom-Type Device	100	0	0	0	240	0	340

**Table 1: CT Sensitivity and Specificity: AC2 Assay PreservCyt Specimens vs. Patient Infected Status**

	AC2/CT ThinPrep Result	AC2 ES+ and ACT ES+	AC2 ES+ and ACT ES-	AC2 ES- and ACT ES+	AC2 ES- and ACT ES-	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Asympt	Positive	58	1	0	6	96.7 % (88.5-99.6)	99.4% (98.8 -99.8)
	Negative	2	1	12	1208		
	Total	60	2	12	1214		
Sympt	Positive	29	0	0	5	96.7% (82.8 - 99.9)	98.5% (96.5-99.5)
	Negative	1	3	4	317		
	Total	30	3	4	322		
All	Positive	87	1	0	11	96.7 % (90.6 - 99.3)	99.2% (98.7 -99.6)
	Negative	3	4	16	1525		
	Total	90	5	16	1536		

AC2 ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result

AC2 ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result

ACT ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA CT Assay result

ACT ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA CT Assay result

**Table 2. CT Performance by Clinical Site: AC2 Assay PreservCyt Specimens vs. Patient Infected Status**

Site	AC2/CT ThinPrep Result	AC2 ES+ and ACT ES+	AC2 ES+ and ACT ES-	AC2 ES- and ACT ES+	AC2 ES- and ACT ES-	Prev (%)	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)
1	Positive	14	0	0	2	14.0	100% (76.8 – 100)	97.7% (91.9 – 99.7)	87.5	100
	Negative	0	0	1	83					
	Total	14	0	1	85					
2	Positive	4	0	0	0	3.2	100% (39.8 – 100)	100% (97.0 – 100)	100	100
	Negative	0	0	2	118					
	Total	4	0	2	118					
3	Positive	29	0	0	2	6.5	93.5% (78.6 – 99.2)	99.5% (98.4 – 99.9)	93.5	99.5
	Negative	2	0	2	440					
	Total	31	0	2	442					
4	Positive	8	1	0	4	2.8	100% (63.1 – 100)	98.2% (95.9 – 99.4)	61.5	100
	Negative	0	2	1	271					
	Total	8	3	1	275					
5	Positive	13	0	0	2	4.7	92.9% (66.1 – 99.8)	99.3% (97.5 – 99.9)	86.7	99.6
	Negative	1	1	4	276					
	Total	14	1	4	278					
6	Positive	19	0	0	1	5.2	100% (82.4 – 100)	99.7% (98.4 – 100)	95.0	100
	Negative	0	1	6	337					
	Total	19	1	6	338					
All	Positive	87	1	0	11	5.5	96.7% (90.6 – 99.3)	99.2% (98.7 – 99.6)	87.9	99.8
	Negative	3	4	16	1525					
	Total	90	5	16	1536					

AC2 ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result

AC2 ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result

ACT ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA CT Assay result

ACT ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA CT Assay result

**Table 3: GC Sensitivity and Specificity: AC2 Assay PreservCyt Specimens vs. Patient Infected Status**

	AC2 /GC ThinPrep Result	AC2 ES+ and AGC ES+	AC2 ES + and AGC ES -	AC2 ES- and AGC ES+	AC2 ES- and AGC ES-	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Asympt							
	Positive	5	0	0	3		
	Negative	1	0	5	1273	83.3% (35.9 - 99.6)	99.8% (99.3 - 100)
	Total	6	0	5	1276		
Sympt							
	Positive	7	0	0	0		
	Negative	0	0	0	352	100% (59.0 - 100)	100% (99.0-100)
	Total	7	0	0	352		
All							
	Positive	12	0	0	3		
	Negative	1	0	5	1625	92.3% (64.0 - 99.8)	99.8% (99.5 - 100)
	Total	13	0	5	1628		

AC2 ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result  
 AC2 ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result  
 AGC ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA GC Assay result  
 AGC ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA GC Assay result

**Table 4. GC Performance by Clinical Site: AC2 Assay PreservCyt Specimens vs. Patient Infected Status**

Site	AC2/GC ThinPrep Result	AC2 ES+ and AGC ES+	AC2 ES+ and AGC ES-	AC2 ES- and AGC ES+	AC2 ES- and AGC ES-	Prev (%)	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)
1	Positive	5	0	0	0	5.0	100% (47.8 – 100)	100% (96.2 – 100)	100	100
	Negative	0	0	0	95					
	Total	5	0	0	95					
2	Positive	1	0	0	0	0.8	100% (2.5 – 100)	100% (97.0 – 100)	100	100
	Negative	0	0	0	123					
	Total	1	0	0	123					
3	Positive	4	0	0	0	1.1	80.0% (28.4 – 99.5)	100% (99.2 – 100)	100	99.8
	Negative	1	0	0	470					
	Total	5	0	0	470					
4	Positive	1	0	0	0	0.3	100% (2.5 – 100)	100% (98.7 – 100)	100	100
	Negative	0	0	3	283					
	Total	1	0	3	283					
5	Positive	0	0	0	3	0.0	N/A	99.0% (97.1 – 99.8)	0.0	100
	Negative	0	0	0	294					
	Total	0	0	0	297					
6	Positive	1	0	0	0	0.3	100% (2.5 – 100)	100% (99.0 – 100)	100	100
	Negative	0	0	2	360					
	Total	1	0	2	360					
All	Positive	12	0	0	3	0.8	92.3% (64.0 – 99.8)	99.8% (99.5 – 100)	80.0	99.9
	Negative	1	0	0	1625					
	Total	13	0	0	1628					

AC2 ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result

AC2 ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA Combo 2 Assay result

AGC ES+ = Positive endocervical swab specimen APTIMA GC Assay result

AGC ES- = Negative endocervical swab specimen APTIMA GC Assay result

N/A = not applicable

## Prevalence

The prevalence of *C. trachomatis* and/or *N. gonorrhoeae* disease in patient populations depends on risk factors such as age, gender, the presence of symptoms, the type of clinic, and the test method. A summary of the prevalence of three *C. trachomatis* and *N. gonorrhoeae* disease outcomes as determined by the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay is shown in Table 5 by clinical site and overall. The CT and GC prevalence were calculated using the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay results of PreservCyt liquid Pap specimen

**Table 5: Prevalence of *C. trachomatis* and/or *N. gonorrhoeae* Disease as Determined by the APTIMA Combo 2 Assay Results by Clinical Site**

Site	PreservCyt liquid Pap Specimens % Prevalence (# positive/# tested)					
	CT+/GC+		CT+/GC-		CT-/GC+	
1	3.0	(3/100)	13.0	(13/100)	2.0	(2/100)
2	0	(0/124)	3.2	(4/124)	0.8	(1/124)
3	0.4	(2/475)	6.1	(29/475)	0.4	(2/475)
4	0.4	(1/287)	4.2	(12/287)	0	(0/287)
5	0	(0/297)	5.1	(15/297)	1.0	(3/297)
6	0	(0/364)	5.5	(20/364)	0.6	(2/364)
All	0.4	(6/1647)	5.6	(93/1647)	0.6	(10/1647)

## **Conclusions from the Clinical Data**

The non clinical and clinical study results support the use of PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens collected and processed by the Cytoc ThinPrep 2000 Processor in the GEN-PROBE APTIMA Combo 2 Assay for the detection of *C. trachomatis* and/or *N. gonorrhoeae*. The GEN-PROBE APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit provides the necessary materials and instructions to allow for the testing of PreservCyt liquid Pap specimens in the AC2 Assay. Use of this ancillary kit broadens the application of the AC2 Assay as a diagnostic tool to provide information that measurably contributes to a diagnosis of *C. trachomatis* and/or *N. gonorrhoeae* infection.

The results of the clinical study demonstrate reasonable evidence that when the AC2 Assay and the APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit are labeled as proposed, the AC2 Assay continues to be safe and effective for its stated intended use.

## **Contraindications and Cautions**

There are no contraindications or cautions.



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Re: K043224  
Trade/Device Name: GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® Combo 2 Assay  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 866.3390  
Regulation Name: *Neisseria* spp. direct serological test reagents  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: LSL, MKZ  
Dated: August 2, 2005  
Received: August 4, 2005

Dear Dr. Maderazo:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 800 to 895. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

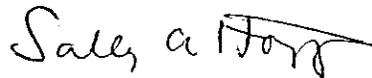
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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific information about the application of labeling requirements to your device, or questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of *In Vitro* Diagnostic Device Evaluation and Safety at (240)276-0484. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/industry/support/index.html>

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CDRH Special Sheet - Device Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known): K043224

Device Name: GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® Combo 2 Assay

Indications For Use:

AC2 Assay package insert:

The APTIMA Combo 2 Assay is a target amplification nucleic acid probe test that utilizes target capture for the *in vitro* qualitative detection and differentiation of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) from *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) in clinician-collected endocervical, vaginal, and male urethral swab specimens, patient-collected vaginal swab specimens\*, and female and male urine specimens. The assay is also intended for use with testing of gynecological specimens collected in the PreservCyt Solution and processed with the Cytoc ThinPrep 2000 System. The assay may be used to test specimens from symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals to aid in the diagnosis of gonococcal and/or chlamydial urogenital disease.

\*Patient-collected vaginal swab specimens are an option for screening women when a pelvic exam is not otherwise indicated. The vaginal swab specimen collection kit is not for home use.

Ancillary Kit package insert:

The GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® Specimen Transfer Kit is only for use with GEN-PROBE APTIMA assays for the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. The GEN-PROBE APTIMA Specimen Transfer Kit allows for APTIMA Assay testing of gynecological specimens collected and processed by the Cytoc ThinPrep 2000 Processor according to the instructions provided.

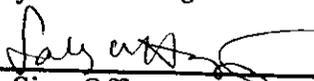
Prescription Use  (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

AND/OR

Over-The-Counter Use  (21 CFR 807 Subpart C)

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