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Re: K222372  
Trade/Device Name: Kowa SL-19  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 886.1850  
Regulation Name: AC-Powered Slitlamp Biomicroscope  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: HJO  
Dated: October 13, 2022  
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Dear Nariaki Morita:

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. Although this letter refers to your product as a device, please be aware that some cleared products may instead be combination products. The 510(k) Premarket Notification Database located at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfpmn/pmn.cfm> identifies combination product submissions. 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. Please note: CDRH does not evaluate information related to contract liability warranties. We remind you, however, that device labeling must be truthful and not misleading.

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Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); medical device reporting (reporting of medical device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803) for

devices or postmarketing safety reporting (21 CFR 4, Subpart B) for combination products (see <https://www.fda.gov/combination-products/guidance-regulatory-information/postmarketing-safety-reporting-combination-products>); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820) for devices or current good manufacturing practices (21 CFR 4, Subpart A) for combination products; and, if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K222372

Device Name  
KOWA SL-19

Indications for Use (Describe)

KOWA SL-19 is intended for use in eye examination of the anterior eye segment, from the cornea epithelium to the posterior capsule. It is used to aid in the diagnosis of diseases or trauma which affect the structural properties of the anterior eye segment.

Type of Use (Select one or both, as applicable)

Prescription Use (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

Over-The-Counter Use (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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**d. Name of device**

Trade Name: KOWA SL-19  
Regulation description: Slit lamp  
Regulation number: 21 CFR 886.1850  
Product code: HJO

**e. Predicate and Reference Devices**

Predicate Device: KOWA SL-17  
510(k) number K133755  
Regulation description: Slit lamp  
Regulation number: 21 CFR 886.1850  
Product code: HJO

**f. Description of the device**

The KOWA SL-19 is a non-invasive ophthalmic device that is able to illumination, magnification and observation of the human eye.

Illumination light that emitted from a white light source is applied to the eyeball, Refractive media, Eye Anatomy, Ocular Adnexa, Iris, etc. are magnified and observed with a binocular microscope. Fluorescence of the cornea, conjunctiva, etc. can be observed by irradiating background illumination light and irradiating blue illumination light with a built-in light source.

The background White LED function is added to the KOWA SL-19.

The blue filter with white LED for the predicated device is removed, and this function is replaced by blue LED for the KOWA SL-19.

Duration of illumination is lengthened from 140 min to 360 min from predicate device to the KOWA SL-19 due to replace the battery type from AAA battery to AA battery.

**g. Indications for Use Statement**

KOWA SL-19 is intended for use in eye examination of the anterior eye segment, from the cornea epithelium to the posterior capsule. It is used to aid in the diagnosis of diseases or trauma which affect the structural properties of the anterior eye segment.

**h. Discussion of substantial equivalence**

The proposed device KOWA SL-19 is an instrument of handheld slit-lamp microscope that enables projects slit light onto the human eye and magnify with a binocular microscope and is using for observation and inspection of human eye.

Indications for use of the KOWA SL-19 is identical to that of the predicate device.  
Technological characteristics

The KOWA SL-19 and predicate device have the following same fundamental technologies:

- Observation of the human eye
- Function and principle parts

The difference between the proposal device KOWA SL-19 and the predicate device KOWA SL-17 is as follows.

- The background White light function is added.
- Blue light is replaced from filter with white LED to the blue LED
- Duration of illumination is lengthened from 140 min to 360 min.

Following are discussion regarding differences and substantial equivalence between the proposed and predicated device.

**Background White light**

This Background White LED is conformed to the light hazard standard ANSI Z80.36.2016 then does not raise any safety concern. Also this function does not affect the efficacy of the slit lamp standards ANSI Z80.37.2017 but simply light to whole eye then does not affect any efficacy concern. Therefore, this new function does not raise any safety and efficacy concern.

**Filter**

The blue LED for the proposed device is conformed to ANSI Z80.36.2016 then does not raise any safety concern. Also the both the proposed blue LED and the predicated blue filter with white LED are almost identical excitation wave length that is within 400 to 500 nm conformed to fluorescein excitor filter, then this function does not affect any efficacy concern. Therefore this function does not raise any safety and efficiency concern.

**Duration of illumination**

This change simply adds convenience for user and conformed the safety standard IEC60601-1:2005+A1:2012 and IEC60601-1-2:2014. Also this duration of illumination does not affect any efficacy of slit lamp. Therefore this function does not raise any safety and efficacy concern.

Following table shows comparison between the KOWA SL-19 and predicate device.

Table 1 Comparison Table

|                              | Proposed device  | Predicate device   | Note      |
|------------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| Device Name                  | KOWA SL-19   | KOWA SL-17   |           |
| 510(k) number                | K222372  | K133755  |           |
| Indications for use or Scope | KOWA SL-19 is intended for use in eye examination of the anterior eye segment, from the cornea epithelium to the posterior capsule. It is used to aid in the diagnosis of diseases or trauma which affect the structural properties of the anterior eye segment. | KOWA SL-17 is intended for use in eye examination of the anterior eye segment, from the cornea epithelium to the posterior capsule. It is used to aid in the diagnosis of diseases or trauma which affect the structural properties of the anterior eye segment. | Identical |

| Slit lamp function, Optical path and principal parts |  |  |           |
|--|--|--|-----------|
| Illumination light source                            | White LED  |  | Identical |
| Background light                                     | White LED and Blue LED   | -  | Different |
| Filter   | -  | Built-in blue filter   | Different |
| Slit selection                                       | Turret   |  |           |
| Slit length  | 1 mm, 5 mm, 12 mm, and from 1.5 to 12mm continuously   | Three selection (1, 5, 12mm)   | Similar   |
| Slit width   | Three selection (0.1, 0.2, 0.8mm)  |  | Identical |
| Spot   | φ1, φ5, φ12mm and shapes of ellipse  |  | Identical |
| Light intensity                                      | Adjustable continuously by the software  |  | Identical |
| Slit projection angle                                | 60 degree for Horizontal   |  | Identical |
| Duration of illumination                             | 360 minutes<br>(When used the 3 x AA batteries (Ni-MH) of 1900mAh, and the room temperature is 25 degrees Celsius) | 140 minutes<br>(When used the 4 x AAA batteries (Ni-MH) of 750mAh, and the room temperature is 25 degrees Celsius) | Different |
| Electric rating                                      | DC 3.0 to 4.8V / 3.6VA   | DC 4.8 to 6.4V / 3.6 to 4.5VA  | Similar   |
| Battery type   | 3pcs of AA batteries<br>(Alkaline or Ni-MH)  | 4pcs of AAA batteries<br>(Alkaline or Ni-MH)   | Similar   |
| Microscope function and principal parts              |  |  |           |
| Angle of convergence                                 | 13 degree  |  | Identical |
| Magnification  | 10x / 16x  |  | Identical |
| Reticles   | Built-in both oculars  |  | Identical |
| Magnification change                                 | 10x and 16x Magnification is changed through movement objectives to two positions.                                 |  | Identical |
| Range of interpupillary distance adjustment          | 55mm to 72mm   | 50mm to 72mm   | Similar   |
| Range of examiner's dioptic protection adjustment    | -8D to +5D   |  | Identical |

| Dimension                          |  |   |           |
|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------|
| Dimension (W)x(D)x(H) (mm)         | 107x197x238  | Microscope:<br>95 x 220 x 220<br>Stand:<br>105 x 200 x 50         |           |
| Weight                             | 620g<br>(batteries are not included)   | Microscope:745g<br>(batteries are not included)<br>Stand:<br>655g |           |
| Performance Testing                |  |   |           |
| Performance for Slit-lamp          | IEC60601-1:2005+A1:2012  | IEC60601-1:2005   | Similar   |
|                                    | IEC60601-1-2:2014  | IEC60601-1-2:2007   | Similar   |
|                                    | ANSI Z80.36-2016   | ISO15004-2:2007   | Identical |
|                                    | ANSI Z80.37-2017   | ISO10939:2007   | Identical |
| Biocompatibility for forehead rest | Same forehead rest part as used in KOWA SL-17. The biocompatibility of the forehead component was assessed per FDA Biocompatibility guidance "Use of International Standard ISO 10993-1, 'Biological evaluation of medical device – Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process'" recommendations. |   | Identical |
| Software                           | Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff-Guidance for the Content of Premarket Submissions for Software Contained in Medical Devices  |   | Identical |
| Optical path                       |  |   |           |
| Optical path                       |  |   | Identical |



**i. Performance Testing**

Following are listed all standard that is performed.

**Electrical safety and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)**

Electrical safety and EMC testing were conducted on the KOWA SL-19. The proposed device complies with the IEC60601-1:2005+A1:2012 and IEC60601-1-2:2014.

**Biocompatibility**

The forehead rest of the proposed device is a surface device with limited ( $\leq 24$  hrs.) contact with intact skin. The forehead rest of proposed device is same as the forehead rest of the predicate device that has the same nature and duration of the tissue contact. There are 4,200 predicate devices sold in the US and there were no adverse events reported (e.g., allergy) related to the forehead rest of the predicate device.

Furthermore, the biocompatibility of the forehead rest of the proposed device was assessed per FDA Biocompatibility guidance "Use of International Standard ISO 10993-1, 'Biological evaluation of medical devices – Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process' " recommendations.

**Software**

The software of the proposed device has been validated according to FDA guidance entitled "Guidance for the Content of Premarket Submissions for Software Contained in Medical Devices". The report of software of the proposed device are described in Section 18\_Software.

**Optical radiation safety**

KOWA performed estimation of the light hazard and evaluation as to whether the KOWA SL-19 satisfied the requirement of ANSI Z80.36-2016. As a result, the KOWA SL-19 is classified in Group 2 of the continuous wave instrument. Although the output power of illumination of KOWA SL-19 is higher than that of the predicate device, the risk of radiation is low level.

**Performance testing for Slit-Lamp Microscopes**

The KOWA SL-19 conform to ANSI Z80.37.2017 as well as the predicate device conform to ISO 10939:2007

**j. Conclusion**

There are some differences between the proposed and predicate devices. As discussed above, all differences do not raise any safety and efficacy concern. Based on the information described above, we conclude that KOWA SL-19 is substantially equivalent to the predicate device.