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Re: K220988

Trade/Device Name: EksoNR
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 890.3480
Regulation Name: Powered Lower Extremity Exoskeleton
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: PHL
Dated: March 31, 2022
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Dear Michael Glover:

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.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

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.

Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). For questions regarding the reporting of adverse events under the MDR regulation (21 CFR Part 803), please go to <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/medical-device-safety/medical-device-reporting-mdr-how-report-medical-device-problems>.

For comprehensive regulatory information about medical devices and radiation-emitting products, including information about labeling regulations, please see Device Advice (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance>) and CDRH Learn (<https://www.fda.gov/training-and-continuing-education/cdrh-learn>). Additionally, you may contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE) to ask a question about a specific regulatory topic. See the DICE website (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/contact-us-division-industry-and-consumer-education-dice>) for more information or contact DICE by email (DICE@fda.hhs.gov) or phone (1-800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100).

Sincerely,

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Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

K220988

Device Name

EksoNR

Indications for Use (Describe)

The EksoNR™ is intended to perform ambulatory functions in rehabilitation institutions under the supervision of a trained physical therapist for the following populations:

- Individuals with multiple sclerosis (upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in at least one arm).
- Individuals with acquired brain injury, including traumatic brain injury and stroke (upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in at least one arm).
- Individuals with spinal cord injuries at levels T4 to L5 (upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in both arms).
- Individuals with spinal cord injuries at levels of C7 to T3 (ASIA D with upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in both arms).

The therapist must complete a training program prior to use of the device. The devices are not intended for sports or stair climbing

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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510(k) Summary as required by 21 CFR 807.92(c)

Device name	Ekso	
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Preparation Date	March 29, 2022	
Device Name & Classification	Trade Name:	EksoNR™
	Common Name:	Exoskeleton
	Classification Name:	Powered Exoskeleton
	Device Classification:	Class II, 21 CFR 890.3480
	Product Code:	PHL
Legally Marketed Predicate Device	K200574, EksoNR, Ekso Bionics, Inc.	
Device Description	The Ekso is a powered motorized orthosis. It consists of a fitted metal brace that supports the legs, feet, and torso. It is worn via straps on the body, legs, and feet. Battery powered motors drive knee and hip joints. It has an integrated solid torso containing the computer and power supply. It has a hand-held user interface to specify settings and initiate steps. The Ekso is used with a cane, crutch, or walker.	
Indication for Use Statement	The EksoNR™ is intended to perform ambulatory functions in rehabilitation institutions under the supervision of a trained physical therapist for the following populations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with multiple sclerosis (upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in at least one arm) • Individuals with acquired brain injury, including traumatic brain injury and stroke (upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in at least one arm). • Individuals with spinal cord injuries at levels T4 to L5 (upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in both arms). • Individuals with spinal cord injuries at levels of C7 to T3 (ASIA D with upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in both arms). The therapist must complete a training program prior to use of the device. The devices are not intended for sports or stair climbing.	

**Substantial
Equivalence
Discussion**

This device and the previously cleared (predicate) device (K200574) are essentially the same products.

Differences in Indications for Use

The purpose of this 510(k) is to update the indications for use. The indications for use are identical to that of the predicate device, with the addition of the following:

- Individuals with multiple sclerosis (upper extremity motor function of at least 4/5 in at least one arm)

The change noted above expands the existing indications to include individuals with multiple sclerosis (MS). The intended use of the device is unchanged. For the purposes of this intended use (ambulatory rehabilitation), patients with MS present similarly, are screened for device safety requirements, and are treated in the same way as patients with ABI or SCI. As such, gait ambulation effectiveness of the device is no different when used on patients with MS. When used as instructed, the device is as safe to use with a broader population of patients with neurological conditions to include the already cleared ABI and SCI population and this new MS population.

Technical Characteristics

The device is essentially unchanged from the current (predicate) device. All changes since the previous submission fall below the threshold requiring a 510(k) per the FDA’s October 25, 2017, “*Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff: Deciding When to Submit a 510(k) for a Change to an Existing Device*”. Even though there is no change, for completeness, the technical characteristics of the device are compared with the current device below.

Comparison of Technical Characteristics

	Current Device	Current Device	
Manufacturer	Ekso Bionics®, Inc.	Ekso Bionics®, Inc.	
Trade Name	EksoNR™	EksoNR™	Differences
510(k) Number	K220988	K200574	N/A
Product Code	PHL	PHL	Same
Regulation Number	890.3480	890.3480	Same
Regulation Name	Powered Exoskeleton	Powered Exoskeleton	Same
Body Coverage	Worn over legs and upper body with rigid torso	Worn over legs and upper body with rigid torso	Same
Size of Components	Adjustable upper leg, lower leg, and hip width; control unit integrated into the torso	Adjustable upper leg, lower leg, and hip width; control unit integrated into the torso	Same

Comparison of Technical Characteristics

Manufacturer	Current Device	Current Device	
Trade Name	Ekso Bionics®, Inc.	Ekso Bionics®, Inc.	
	EksoNR™	EksoNR™	Differences
Mobility Aid	Walker, Crutches, Cane	Walker, Crutches, Cane	Same
Ability of User Mobility	Sit, stand, walk, and Turn	Sit, stand, walk, and Turn	Same
Walking Speed	~2 km/hr	~2 km/hr	Same
Grade of Inclination	1.15 deg	1.15 deg	Same
Type of Surface	Smooth, cement, carpet	Smooth, cement, carpet	Same
Height of Patient	~62" to 74" (1.58 m to 1.88 m)	~62" to 74" (1.58 m to 1.88 m)	Same
Weight of Patient	Up to 220 lbs (100kg)	Up to 220 lbs (100kg)	Same
Control Method	Handheld interface for PT; weight shift to initiate steps	Handheld interface for PT; weight shift to initiate steps	Same
Range of Motion	Hips: 135° flexion to 20° extension Knees: 130° flexion to 0° extension Ankles: 10° flexion to 10° extension	Hips: 135° flexion to 20° extension Knees: 130° flexion to 0° extension Ankles: 10° flexion to 10° extension	Same
Device Weight	50 lbs (23 kg)	50 lbs (23 kg)	Same
Rechargeable Battery	Rechargeable lithium ion batteries 48.1V, 30A peak current, 1 hour of continuous usage per charge	Rechargeable lithium ion batteries 48.1V, 30A peak current, 1 hour of continuous usage per charge	Same
Battery Charge Time	1 hour	1 hour	Same
Expected Useable Life	4 years	4 years	Same
Training Program	Yes	Yes	Same
Certification Program	Yes	Yes	Same
User Feedback	Provides visual feedback on the handheld controller and auditory feedback	Provides visual feedback on the handheld controller and auditory feedback	Same
Fall Detection and Mitigation	None	None	Same
Failsafe Feature	In event of power failure—knees become locked and hips free (similar to typical passive leg braces)	In event of power failure—knees become locked and hips free (similar to typical passive leg braces)	Same

Comparison of Technical Characteristics

Manufacturer	Current Device	Current Device	
Trade Name	Ekso Bionics®, Inc.	Ekso Bionics®, Inc.	Differences
	EksoNR™	EksoNR™	
Operating Temperature	10° to 95°F (-12° to -35° C)	10° to 95°F (-12° to -35° C)	Same
Operating Humidity	Not available	Not available	Same
Electrical Safety Testing	IEC 60601-1:2005 with US deviations	IEC 60601-1:2005 with US deviations	Same
Electromagnetic Compatibility Testing	Passed IEC 60601-1-2: 2014	Passed IEC 60601-1-2: 2014	Same

Clinical Performance Summary

The current device utilized 7 different studies to demonstrate safety and efficacy of the current indications for use (K200574). This submission builds from those 7 studies with 2 additional clinical studies (summarized below) focusing on the specific population added by the expanded indication for use in this submission. These studies demonstrate the device effectively enables gait ambulation, and there were no reported adverse events indicating the device is safe to use with this expanded population.

Study	Description
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ADEMBI MS Single center, prospective parallel-assignment, single-blinded, randomized controlled study of patients with multiple sclerosis. Only patients who were randomized to utilize Ekso were included in this submission.

Duration of Intervention

- Ambulation during a mean of 18.4 sessions per patient (range 13 to 20)

18 subjects total used the Ekso

- Mean time since MS diagnosis: 12.94±8.11 years
- 3 were diagnosed with primary progressive MS
- 8 were diagnosed with secondary progressive MS
- 7 were diagnosed with relapsing remitting MS

Results:

For those participants who completed pre and post testing (n=17 for TUG, n=18 for others)

- TUG scores improved significantly from 24s at baseline to 20.61s at completion of all Ekso sessions
 - Average walking speed was maintained throughout the intervention from 0.69m/s at baseline to 0.66m/s at completion of all Ekso sessions
 - Average cognitive MOCA scores improved slightly from 25.39 at baseline to 26.06 at completion of all Ekso sessions
 - There were no falls or other adverse events reported
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Kessler MS Single center, randomized study of patients with multiple sclerosis. Only patients who were randomized to utilize Ekso were included in this submission.

Duration of Intervention

- Ambulation during a mean of 7.78 sessions per patient (range 6 to 8)

9 subjects total used the Ekso

- 1 was diagnosed with secondary progressive MS
- 8 were diagnosed with relapsing remitting MS

Results:

For those participants who completed pre and post testing (n=8)

- TUG scores improved significantly from 16.99s at baseline to 14.15s at completion of all Ekso sessions
- Average walking speed was maintained throughout the intervention from 10.37s at baseline to 10.63s at completion of all Ekso sessions
- Symbol digit modalities test measuring cognition improved from baseline scores of 39.38 to post scores of 45.63
- 6 minute walk test (6MWT) distance increased from 279.65m to 294.69m
- Average functional reach test distance increased from baseline of 9.61cm to 10.46cm at completion of all Ekso sessions
- There were no falls or other adverse events reported

Substantial Equivalence Conclusion

This device is substantially equivalent to the current device. This device has technical characteristics and intended uses listed above to facilitate gait ambulation. The supporting clinical data demonstrating the use of the product with patients with multiple sclerosis (MS), show that the device effectively facilitates gait ambulation in the expanded patient population. The clinical data reported no adverse events demonstrating the device is safe on this patient population when used in accordance with existing labeling.