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Re: K220973

Trade/Device Name: CoreLink Navigation Instruments  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 882.4560  
Regulation Name: Stereotaxic Instrument  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: OLO  
Dated: April 1, 2022  
Received: April 4, 2022

Dear Nathan Wright:

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](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov)) or phone (1-800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

K220973

Device Name

CoreLink Navigation Instruments

Indications for Use (Describe)

CoreLink Navigation Instruments are intended to be used in the preparation and placement of CoreLink screws during spinal surgery to assist the surgeon in precisely locating anatomical structures in either open or minimally invasive procedures. These instruments are designed for use with the Medtronic StealthStation® System S8 (V1.2.0), which is indicated for any medical condition in which the use of stereotactic surgery may be appropriate, and where reference to a rigid anatomical structure, such as vertebra, can be identified relative to a CT or MR based model, fluoroscopy images, or digitized landmarks of the anatomy.

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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## K220973 510(k) SUMMARY

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Trade or Proprietary Name:	CoreLink Navigation Instruments
Common or Usual Name:	Orthopedic Stereotaxic Instruments
Classification:	Class II per 21 CFR §882.4560
Product Code:	OLO
Classification Panel:	Orthopedic



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## DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVICE SUBJECT TO PREMARKET NOTIFICATION:

CoreLink Navigation Instruments are non-sterile, re-usable manual surgical instruments made from stainless steel. These instruments are designed to interface with the Medtronic StealthStation® Navigation System to assist surgeons in precisely locating anatomical structures.

The purpose of this submission is to add instruments to the previously cleared CoreLink Navigation Instruments set to offer navigation compatibility with more CoreLink pedicle screws.

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## TECHNOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The subject and predicate devices have nearly identical technological characteristics and the minor differences do not raise any new issues of safety and effectiveness. Specifically, the following characteristics are identical between the subject and predicates:

- Indications for use
- Materials of manufacture
- Principles of operation

**Predicate Devices**

<b>510k Number</b>	<b>Trade or Proprietary or Model Name</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Predicate Type</b>
K212825	CoreLink Navigation Instruments	CoreLink, LLC	Primary
K161210/K170679	Medtronic Navigated Reusable Instruments	Medtronic Sofamor Danek	Additional
K210539	CoreLink Midline Fixation System	CoreLink, LLC	Reference

**PERFORMANCE DATA**

In support of this Traditional 510(k) submission, CoreLink, LLC has conducted an engineering analysis to demonstrate that the system modifications provide adequate and substantially equivalent accuracy for their intended use.

**CONCLUSION**

The overall technology characteristics and mechanical performance data lead to the conclusion that the CoreLink Navigation Instruments are substantially equivalent to the predicate device.