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Re: K221559  
Trade/Device Name: Disposable Surgical Gown-Level 3  
Disposable Surgical Gown-Level 4  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4040  
Regulation Name: Surgical Apparel  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: FYA  
Dated: January 20, 2023  
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Dear Thomas Frasca:

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.

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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)  
K221559

Device Name

Disposable Surgical Gown - Level 3  
Disposable Surgical Gown - Level 4

Indications for Use (Describe)

The StringKing Surgical Gown is a sterile, single use surgical apparel intended to be worn by healthcare professionals to help protect both the patient and the healthcare worker from the transfer of microorganisms, body fluids and particulate matter. The StringKing Surgical Gowns meet Level 3 and Level 4 requirements of ANSI/AAMI PB 70:2012 Liquid barrier performance and classification of protective apparel and drapes intended for use in health care facilities.

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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## **K221559 510(k) SUMMARY**

This summary of 510(k) safety and effectiveness information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 21 CFR §807.92:

### **I. SUBMITTER**

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### **II. DEVICE**

510(k): K221559  
Name of Device: Disposable Surgical Gown, Level 4  
Disposable Surgical Gown, Level 3  
Classification Name: Disposable Surgical Gown  
Regulation: 21 CFR §878.4040  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Classification Code: FYA

### **III. PREDICATE DEVICE**

Predicate Manufacturer: B.J.ZH.F.PANTHER MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CO., LTD.  
Predicate Trade Name: Surgical Gown  
Predicate 510(k): K202706

No reference devices were used in this submission.

### **IV. DEVICE DESCRIPTION**

The Disposable Surgical Gown consists of a multi-layer nonwoven spunbond-meltblown-spunbond (SMS) polyolefin & Film Lamination in the critical zones and a single layer of lighter, more breathable nonwoven SMS polyolefin in the non-critical zones. The StringKing Disposable Surgical Gown is designed for easy donning and doffing with hook and loop neck tabs, belt ties, removable transfer accessory, and polyester wrist cuffs. The StringKing Disposable Surgical Gown is one gown design that meets both Level 3 and Level 4 requirements of AMI PB70:2012 Liquid barrier performance and classification of protective apparel and drapes intended for use in health care facilities. The gown will be marketed as a L3 gown as well as a L4 gown. The StringKing Disposable Surgical Gowns are single use, disposable medical devices that will be provided sterile.

## V. INDICATIONS FOR USE

The StringKing Disposable Surgical Gown is a sterile, single use surgical apparel intended to be worn by healthcare professionals to help protect both the patient and the healthcare worker from the transfer of microorganisms, body fluids and particulate matter. The StringKing Surgical Gowns meet Level 3 and Level 4 requirements of ANSI/AAMI PB 70:2012 *Liquid barrier performance and classification of protective apparel and drapes intended for use in health care facilities*.

## VI. COMPARISON OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS WITH THE PREDICATE DEVICE

| Device  | Subject Device<br>StringKing<br>Disposable<br>Isolation Gown<br>(K221559)  | Predicate: B.J.ZH.F.<br>Panther Medical<br>Equipment Co., Ltd.<br>(K202706)   | Justification for<br>Differences   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Manufacturer</b>                               | StringKing   | B.J.ZH.F. Panther Medical<br>Equipment  | N/A  |
| <b>510K Number</b>                                | K221559  | K202706   | N/A  |
| <b>Product<br/>Common Name</b>                    | Disposable Surgical<br>Gown  | Surgical Gown   | Same   |
| <b>Product Code</b>                               | FYA  | FYA   | Same   |
| <b>Classification</b>                             | Class II (21 CFR<br>878.4040)  | Class II (21 CFR<br>878.4040)   | Same   |
| <b>Intended Use /<br/>Indications for<br/>Use</b> | The StringKing<br>Disposable Surgical<br>Gown is a sterile, single<br>use surgical apparel<br>intended to be worn by<br>healthcare<br>professionals to help<br>protect both the patient<br>and the healthcare<br>worker from the transfer<br>of microorganisms,<br>body fluids and<br>particulate matter. The<br>StringKing Surgical<br>Gowns meet Level 3<br>and Level 4<br>requirements of<br>ANSI/AAMI PB 70:2012<br><i>Liquid barrier<br/>performance and<br/>classification of<br/>protective apparel and<br/>drapes intended for use</i> | Surgical gowns are intended to<br>be worn by operating room<br>personnel during surgical<br>procedure to protect both the<br>surgical patient and the<br>operating room personnel from<br>transfer of microorganisms,<br>body fluids, and particulate<br>material.<br><i>Per ANSI/AAMI PB70:2012<br/>Liquid barrier performance and<br/>classification of protective<br/>apparel and drapes intended for<br/>use in health care facilities</i> , the<br>surgical gowns met the<br>requirements for Level 3<br>classification. | Intended Use is the Same.<br>Subject Device also meets<br>Level 4 requirements |

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|                             | <i>in health care facilities.</i>  |  |   |
| <b>Gown Sizes</b>           | Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X-Large                                    | Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large and XXX-Large.   | Similar; Predicate offers XXX-Large                   |
| <b>Material Composition</b> | SMS Reinforced SMS/PE – gown material and ties                             | SMS polypropylene nonwoven + Polyester   | Similar;  |
| <b>Design Features</b>      | Neck Closure: Hook & Loop Tab<br>Belt: Ties<br>Cuffs: Knit<br>Transfer Tab | Neck Closure: not included in 510k Summary.<br>Belt: not listed in 510k Summary<br>Cuffs: Knit | Similar   |
| <b>Color</b>                | Blue   | Blue   | Same  |
| <b>OTC Use</b>              | Yes  | Yes  | Same  |
| <b>Sterility</b>            | Sterile (EO)   | Sterile (EO) and Bulk, non-sterile   | Similar; predicates available bulk, non-sterile       |
| <b>Use</b>                  | Single Use, Disposable   | Single Use, Disposable   | Same  |
| <b>ANSI/AAMI PB70</b>       | Level 3 and Level 4  | Level 3  | Same ; Subject Device also meets Level 4 requirements |

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| <b>Liquid Barrier Performance Classification Properties</b> | Device was tested in accordance with AAMI PB70:2012 and meets Level 4 and Level 3 requirements for a surgical gown. | Per ANSI/AAMI PB70:2012 Liquid barrier performance and classification of protective apparel and drapes intended for use in health care facilities, the proposed devices meet the requirements for Level 3 classification. | Same |
| <b>Flammability</b>   | Meets requirements of Class 1 per 16 CFR 1610   | Class 1 per 16 CFR 1610   | Same |
| <b>Non-barrier properties</b>                               |   | Not specified in 510k summary   | Same |
| <b>Tensile Strength; ASTM D5034 (Machine Direction)</b>     | Meets requirements of ASTM D5034: $\geq 7\text{lbf}$  |   |      |
| <b>Tensile Strength; ASTM D5034 (Cross direction)</b>       | Meets requirements of ASTM D5034: $\geq 7\text{lbf}$  |   |      |
| <b>Trap Tear; ASTM D5587 (Machine Direction)</b>            | Meets requirements of ASTM D5587: $\geq 2.3\text{lbf}$  |   |      |
| <b>Trap Tear; ASTM D5587 (Cross Direction)</b>              | Meets requirements of ASTM D5587: $\geq 2.3\text{lbf}$  |   |      |
| <b>Seam Strength; ASTM D1683</b>                            | Meets requirements of ASTM D1683: $\geq 7\text{lbf}$  |   |      |
| <b>Biocompatibility</b>                                     | Meets requirements of ISO 10993-5, ISO 10993-10, ISO 10993-23 (non-cytotoxic, non-irritant, non-sensitizer)         | Meets requirements of ISO 10993-5, ISO 10993-10 (non-cytotoxic, non-irritant, non-sensitizer)   | Same |
| <b>Ethylene oxide residuals</b>                             | Meets requirements of ISO 10993-7   | Meets requirements of ISO 10993-7   | Same |

## VII. PERFORMANCE DATA

The following performance data were provided in support of the substantial equivalence determination.

| Test Standard   | Acceptance Criteria   | Results - Proposed Device – StringKing Disposable Surgical Gown (K221559)  | Pass/Fail |
|---|-----------------------|--|-----------|
| ANSI/AAMI PB70:2012   |                       | Meets ANSI/AAMI PB 70:2012 Level 3 and Level 4 Liquid Barrier requirements |           |
| Water Resistance Hydrostatic Pressure Test - <u>AATCC 127:2017</u> (cm)   | ≥50 cm                | All samples passed at ≥50 cm   | Pass      |
| Flammability of Clothing Textiles - 16 <u>CFR Part 1610 (a)</u>           | Class 1: ≥3.5 seconds | All samples passed at ≥3.5 seconds   | Pass      |
| Durability <u>ASTM D-5034</u>   | ≥7lbf                 | All samples passed at greater than 7lbf                                    | Pass      |
| Tensile Strength <u>ASTM D-5034</u> Machine Direction and Cross Direction | ≥7lbf                 | All samples passed at greater than 7lbf                                    | Pass      |



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| <b>Trap Tear ASTM D5587-15<br/>Machine Direction and Cross Direction</b> | ≥2.3lbf  | All samples passed at ≥2.3lbf             | Pass |
| <b>Water Resistance Impact Penetration Test AATCC 42</b>                 | ≤1.0 g   | All samples passed at ≤1.0g               | Pass |
| <b>ASTM D1683<br/>Seam Strength</b>                                      | ≥7lbf  | All samples passed at ≥7lbf               | Pass |
| <b>ASTM F1671<br/>Viral Penetration</b>                                  | Level 4: Blood and viral penetration resistance No penetration at 2psi | All samples showed no penetration at 2psi | Pass |
| <b>Ethylene oxide residuals ISO 10993-7</b>                              | EO <4mg*<br>ECH <9mg   | EO residuals were not detected ("ND")     | Pass |

\*Daily dose

### Sterilization & Shelf-life Testing

Sterilization validation according to ISO 11135; Shelf-life testing was conducted according to ASTM F1980-16 as well as ASTM F2096-11(2019) and ASTM F88/F88M-15.

### Biocompatibility Testing

| Biocompatibility Testing Endpoints | Acceptance Criteria | Results | Pass/Fail |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|
| Cytotoxicity – ISO 10993-5         | ≤Grade 2 (mild)     | Grade 0 | Pass      |

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| Skin Sensitization– ISO 10993-10 | Primary Irritation Index<br>0-0.4 – Negligible<br>0.5-1.9-Slight<br>2-4.9-Moderate 5-8-<br>Severe | 0.0 | Pass |
| Skin Irritation – ISO 10993-23   | ≤1 on Magnusson and Kligman Scale   | 0.0 | Pass |

**Clinical testing:** Clinical Studies are not required for this device and therefore are not included in this submission.

## VIII. CONCLUSIONS

The conclusions drawn from the non-clinical tests demonstrate that the subject device in 510(k) submission K221559, the StringKing Surgical Gown is as safe, as effective, and performs as well as or better than the legally marketed predicate device (K202706), manufactured by B.J.ZH.F. Panther Medical Equipment Co., Ltd.