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Re: K213840

Trade/Device Name: MolecuLight i:X

Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4550

Regulation Name: Autofluorescence Detection Device For General Surgery And Dermatological Use

Regulatory Class: Class II

Product Code: QDG, QJF

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Dear Jordan John:

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 and Part 809); 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)  
K213840

Device Name  
MolecuLight i:X

### Indications for Use (Describe)

The MolecuLight i:X is a handheld imaging tool that allows clinicians diagnosing and treating skin wounds, at the point of care, to

- (i) View and digitally record images of a wound,
- (ii) Measure and digitally record the size of a wound, and
- (iii) View and digitally record images of fluorescence emitted from a wound when exposed to an excitation light.

The fluorescence image, when used in combination with clinical signs and symptoms, has been shown to increase the likelihood that clinicians can identify wounds containing bacterial loads  $>10^4$  CFU per gram) as compared to examination of clinical signs and symptoms alone. The MolecuLight i:X device should not be used to rule-out the presence of bacteria in a wound.

The MolecuLight i:X does not diagnose or treat skin wounds.

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

### MolecuLight i:X

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#### Name of Device

MolecuLight i:X

#### Device Classification and Product Code

Autofluorescence detection device, 21 CFR 878.4550, Class II, QJF  
Tape, Camera, Surgical, 21 CFR 878.4160, Class I, FXN

#### Predicate Devices

MolecuLight i:X (K210882)

#### Indications for Use

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The MolecuLight i:X does not diagnose or treat skin wounds.

## Device Description

The MolecuLight i:X Imaging Device is a handheld medical imaging device comprised of a high-resolution color LCD display and touch-sensitive screen with integrated optical and microelectronic components. MolecuLight i:X uses its patented technology to enable real-time standard digital imaging and fluorescence (FL) imaging in wounds and surrounding healthy skin of patients as well as wound area measurements.

## Comparison of Intended Use, Indications for Use and Technological Characteristics with the Predicate Device

- I. The intended use and technological characteristics of the subject MolecuLight i:X are identical to the previously cleared MolecuLight i:X. The only difference between the subject and predicate device are additional statements in the device's labeling clarifying: i) that the fluorescence in a region of a wound corresponds to the presence of elevated bacterial loads ( $>10^4$  CFU/g); ii) that fluorescence in a region of a wound corresponds to the presence of more bacterial species and bacterial species of interest; iii) that species that produce red fluorescence is detectable by the MolecuLight i:X *in vitro*; iv) that Gram(+), Gram(-), aerobic and anaerobic species produce fluorescence detected by the MolecuLight i:X.

These statements do not change the indications for use of the device, and does not raise any new questions of safety or efficacy. The statement is supported by additional analysis of the clinical study reported in support of K191371.

**Table 1: Comparison of Technological Characteristics for Fluorescence Imaging**

	<b>SUBJECT DEVICE MolecuLight i:X</b>	<b>Predicate Device MolecuLight i:X (K210882)</b>
<b>Device Name</b>	MolecuLight i:X	MolecuLight i:X
<b>Manufacturer</b>	MolecuLight Inc.	MolecuLight Inc.
<b>510(k) Number</b>	-	K191371
<b>Regulatory Class</b>	Class II	Class II
<b>Regulation Number</b>	QJF	QJF
<b>Product Classification</b>	21 CFR 878.4550	21 CFR 878.4550
<b>Classification Name</b>	Autofluorescence detection device for general surgery and dermatological use	Autofluorescence detection device for general surgery and dermatological use
<b>Intended Use</b>	Intended for general surgery and dermatological use as an adjunct tool that uses autofluorescence to detect tissues or structures. This device is not intended to provide a diagnosis.	Intended for general surgery and dermatological use as an adjunct tool that uses autofluorescence to detect tissues or structures. This device is not intended to provide a diagnosis.
<b>Indications for Use</b>	The MolecuLight i:X is a handheld imaging tool that allows clinicians diagnosing and treating skin wounds, at the point of care, to  (i) View and digitally record images of a wound,	The MolecuLight i:X is a handheld imaging tool that allows clinicians diagnosing and treating skin wounds, at the point of care, to  (i) View and digitally record images of a wound,

	<b>SUBJECT DEVICE MolecuLight i:X</b>	<b>Predicate Device MolecuLight i:X (K210882)</b>
	<p>(ii) Measure and digitally record the size of a wound, and (iii) View and digitally record images of fluorescence emitted from a wound when exposed to an excitation light.</p> <p>The fluorescence image, when used in combination with clinical signs and symptoms, has been shown to increase the likelihood that clinicians can identify wounds containing bacterial loads <math>&gt;10^4</math> CFU per gram as compared to examination of clinical signs and symptoms alone. The MolecuLight i:X device should not be used to rule-out the presence of bacteria in a wound.</p> <p>The MolecuLight i:X does not diagnose or treat skin wounds.</p>	<p>(ii) Measure and digitally record the size of a wound, and (iii) View and digitally record images of fluorescence emitted from a wound when exposed to an excitation light.</p> <p>The fluorescence image, when used in combination with clinical signs and symptoms, has been shown to increase the likelihood that clinicians can identify wounds containing bacterial loads <math>&gt;10^4</math> CFU per gram as compared to examination of clinical signs and symptoms alone. The MolecuLight i:X device should not be used to rule-out the presence of bacteria in a wound.</p> <p>The MolecuLight i:X does not diagnose or treat skin wounds.</p>
<b>Labelled relationship between Cyan fluorescence and <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i></b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Labelled relationship between region of a wound and presence of elevated bacterial loads (<math>&gt;10^4</math> CFU/g)</b>	Yes	No
<b>Labelled relationship between fluorescence in a region of a wound and the presence of more bacterial species and bacterial species of interest</b>	Yes	No
<b>Labelled relationship between species that produce red fluorescence and red fluorescence signature</b>	Yes	No
<b>Labelled relationship between fluorescence imaging and identifying wounds with elevated bacterial load including Gram</b>	Yes	No

	<b>SUBJECT DEVICE MolecuLight i:X</b>	<b>Predicate Device MolecuLight i:X (K210882)</b>
<b>(+) Gram (-), aerobic and anaerobic species.</b>		
<b>Target Organ</b>	Wounds	Wounds
<b>Patient Population</b>	Adult patients	Adult patients
<b>Operating Modes</b>	Standard and fluorescence imaging, video and image capture	Standard and fluorescence imaging, video and image capture
<b>Excitation Light</b>	405 nm light emitted from light emitting diodes (LED)s	405 nm light emitted from light emitting diodes (LED)s
<b>Laser Power Density</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Infrared LED</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>White LED</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Emission Wavelength</b>	500-545 nm and 600-665 nm	500-545 nm and 600-665 nm
<b>Contrast agent</b>	Not required – autofluorescent target	Not required – autofluorescent target
<b>Working Distance</b>	8-12 cm	8-12 cm
<b>Resolution (focal plane)</b>	5 megapixels	5 megapixels
<b>Magnification</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Maximum Frame Rate</b>	30 images/sec	30 images/sec
<b>Camera Bit Depth</b>	8 bits	8 bits
<b>Image Size (Pixels)</b>	1136 x 640 pixels	1136 x 640 pixels
<b>Image Format</b>	JPEG	JPEG
<b>Video Format</b>	MOV	MOV
<b>Software Operating System (OS) Compatibility</b>	Apple iOS 9.3.5	Apple iOS 9.3.5
<b>Measurement Functionality</b>	Wound length, width, and area measurements	Wound length, width, and area measurements
<b>Power Supply</b>	Battery and Wall	Battery and Wall
<b>Display</b>	Handheld device; no remote display	Handheld device; no remote display
<b>Shelf-Life</b>	2 Years	2 Years
<b>Lifetime</b>	5 Years	5 Years
<b>Patient Contacting Materials</b>	Non-patient contacting device (held 8-12 cm from skin)	Non-patient contacting device (held 8-12 cm from skin)
<b>Sterility</b>	Used non-sterile	Used non-sterile
<b>Electrical Safety</b>	Compliance to IEC 60601-1	Compliance to IEC 60601-1
<b>Mechanical Safety</b>	Compliance to IEC 60601-1	Compliance to IEC 60601-1
<b>Chemical Safety</b>	No chemical delivered or used as part of the system	No chemical delivered or used as part of the system
<b>Standards with which the Device Complies</b>	IEC 60601-1-2 IEC 60601-1 IEC 60601-2-57 IEC 62471	IEC 60601-1-2 IEC 60601-1 IEC 60601-2-57 IEC 62471

In summary, the modified MolecuLight i:X with the additional labeling statements is substantially equivalent to the legally marketed MolecuLight i:X. The intended use of the i:X device is the same as the predicate, and there are no differences in technological characteristics. The additional labeling statements do not raise different questions of safety or efficacy. Retrospective analysis has demonstrated the safety and effectiveness of MolecuLight i:X with regards to the additional labeling statements. Thus, the MolecuLight i:X is substantially equivalent to the previously cleared MolecuLight i:X.

### Non-Clinical Testing

Each species listed produced red fluorescence that was detectable through fluorescence imaging with the MolecuLight i:X. To demonstrate this, all species were sub-cultured from frozen isolates and plated on commercially available Porphyrin Test Agar (PTA). Porphyrins fluoresce red under violet light illumination. Aerobic bacterial species were cultured and imaged at 24 and 40 hours, while slower growing anaerobic bacterial species were cultured and imaged at 40 and 120 hours. Negative controls were included and imaged at all time points. The fluorescence images taken with the MolecuLight i:X of each bacterial species were analyzed to determine the presence or absence of red fluorescence using a custom algorithm.

### Clinical Performance Testing

Data from post hoc retrospective analysis of 78 patients were analyzed to evaluate the effectiveness of MolecuLight i:X to guide wound sampling to detect bacterial burden, including pathogens of interest, as defined by the CDC, compared to the Standard of Care (SoC) method of sampling, which is collected from the center of the wound.

Data from all wounds that had two samples obtained in the study were analyzed (N = 78). Samples targeted to the brightest location of fluorescence (FL-guided) were more likely to contain elevated bacterial load ( $\geq 10^4$  CFU/g) compared to SoC-guided sampling at the center of the wound (See Table 2).

**Table 2:** Sensitivity of SoC-Guided Biopsy and FL-Guided Biopsy to Detect Any Species at Levels  $\geq 10^4$  CFU/G in Patients with Two Biopsies Obtained

	<b>SoC-guided sample</b>	<b>FL-guided sample</b>	<b>P-value</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	87.2% (95% CI: 77.7%, 93.7%)	98.7% (95% CI: 93.06%, 99.97%)	P = 0.012

Fluorescence-guided biopsies detected a higher number of species compared to SoC-guided biopsies as described in Table 3.



**Table 3:** Count of Bacterial Species Detected by SoC and FL-guided Biopsies

	<b>Number of Species by FL-guided Biopsy (N=78)</b>	<b>Number of Species by SoC-guided Biopsy (N=78)</b>	<b>Difference in Number of Pathogens (FL Biopsy # - SoC Biopsy #)</b>	<b>P-value (paired t- test)</b>	<b>95% Confidence Interval</b>
Mean (SD)	3.026 (1.667)	2.231 (1.528)	0.795 (1.804)	P<0.001	0.388, 1.202
Med (Min, Max)	3.0 (0.0, 8.0)	2.0 (0.0, 6.0)			

FL-guided biopsies detected a higher number of pathogens of interest, defined by the CDC as increasing risk to develop antibiotic resistance, compared to SoC-guided biopsies as described in Table 4.

**Table 4:** Count of pathogens of interest detected by SoC and FL-guided biopsies

	<b>Number of Pathogens of Interest by FL-guided Biopsy (N=78)</b>	<b>Number of Pathogens of Interest by SoC-guided Biopsy (N=78)</b>	<b>Difference in Number of Pathogens of Interest (FL Biopsy # - SoC Biopsy #)</b>	<b>P-value (paired t-test)</b>	<b>95% Confidence Interval</b>
Mean (SD)	1.731  (1.124)	1.423  (1.134)	0.308  (0.916)	P=0.002	0.101, 0.514
Med (Min, Max)	2.0 (0.0, 5.0)	1.0 (1.0, 5.0)			

### Conclusion

The modified MolecuLight i:X is substantially equivalent to the cleared MolecuLight i:X.