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Re: K202507

Trade/Device Name: EEA Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple Technology
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4750
Regulation Name: Implantable Staple
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: GDW
Dated: December 18, 2020
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Dear Ms. Choi:

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.

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).

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Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)
K202507

Device Name
EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology

Indications for Use (Describe)

The EEA™ circular stapler with Tri-Staple™ technology has application throughout the alimentary tract for the creation of end-to-end, end-to-side and side-to-side anastomoses in both open and laparoscopic surgeries.

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

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Name of Device:

Proprietary/Trade Name:	EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology
Model Numbers:	TRIEEA25MT, TRIEEA25XT, TRIEEAXL25MT, TRIEEAXL25XT
Classification Name:	Staple, Implantable
Regulations Number:	21 CFR 878.4750
Product Codes:	GDW
FDA Panel Number:	79
Device Class:	Class II
Review Panel:	General and Plastic Surgery
Common Name:	Surgical Stapler

Predicate Device:

Proprietary/Trade Name:	EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology
510(k) Number:	K192330, K172361
Classification Name:	Staple, Implantable
Regulations Number:	21 CFR 878.4750
Product Codes:	GDW / GDW, GAG
FDA Panel Number:	79
Device Class:	Class II
Review Panel:	General and Plastic Surgery
Common Name:	Surgical Stapler

Reference Device:

Proprietary/Trade Name:	EEA™ Circular Stapler with DST Series™ Technology
510(k) Number:	K062850
Classification Name:	Staple, Implantable
Regulations Number:	21 CFR 878.4750

Product Codes:	GDW, GAG
FDA Panel Number:	79
Device Class:	Class II
Review Panel:	General and Plastic Surgery
Common Name:	Surgical Stapler

Device Description:

The EEA™ circular stapler with Tri-Staple™ technology places a circular, triple staggered row of titanium staples and resects the excess tissue, creating a circular anastomosis as an end-to-end, end-to-side or side-to-side anastomosis in both open and laparoscopic surgeries. The instrument is activated by squeezing the handle firmly as far as it will go.

The subject circular stapler will be offered with a medium/thick tissue range which is identified by the purple staple guide and an extra thick tissue range which is identified by the black staple guide. Staplers for medium/thick tissue deploy three height-progressive rows of 3.0 mm, 3.5 mm and 4.0 mm titanium staples. Staplers for extra thick tissue, deploy three height-progressive rows of 4.0 mm, 4.5 mm and 5.0 mm titanium staples. The subject circular staplers are available in 25mm lumen size and 2 shaft lengths; a standard 22 cm shaft and an extra (XL) 35 cm shaft. The Tilt-Top™ anvil is available on all staplers. A blunt and a sharp tipped anvil trocar accessory is provided to assist in introducing the anvil into the surgical field.

Both the subject device and the predicate device (K192330 and K172361) are from the same product family Tri-Staple™ EEA™ stapler. The subject device EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology (lumen size 25mm) provides the surgeons a choice of additional lumen size selections to best suit the target anatomy.

The subject EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology is manufactured with the same patient contact materials that are utilized within the predicate device (K192330 and 172361).

In the same manner as the predicate device (K192330 and K172361), the subject EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology is a manual surgical stapling device that places a circular, triple staggered row of titanium staples and resects the excess tissue, creating a circular anastomosis. The instrument is activated by squeezing the handle firmly as far as it will go. An audible and tactile firing indicator will provide additional feedback of firing completion.

The subject EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology is a single-use device that is packaged and sterilized via ETO (Ethylene Oxide) with a 5-year shelf life, which is the same as the predicate device (K192330 and 172361).

Indications for Use:

The EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology has application throughout the alimentary tract for the creation of end-to-end, end-to-side and side-to-side anastomoses in both open and laparoscopic surgeries.

Technological and Performance Characteristics:

The subject device EEA™ circular stapler with Tri-Staple™ technology (lumen size 25mm) is substantially equivalent to the predicate device K192330/K172361 (lumen size 28mm, 31mm and 33mm) regarding the fundamental stapling technologies employed, intended use and indications for use. All EEA™ circular staplers with Tri-Staple™ technology are single-use manual circular staplers that have application throughout the alimentary tract for the creation of end-to-end, end-to-side and side-to-side anastomoses in both open and laparoscopic surgeries.

The Tri-Staple™ technology used in the subject device is fundamentally the same as the predicate device K192330/K172361. The subject circular staplers are available in 25mm lumen size, meanwhile, the predicates are available in 3 lumen sizes 28mm, 31mm and 33mm. That's why a reference device K062850 offering 25mm lumen size is to be introduced as control device in performance testing.

Substantial Equivalent:

The subject new product models have the same intended use and indications for use as the predicate device.

They are same in fundamental scientific technology in that they are all sterile, single used, hand-held, manual surgical instruments equipped with titanium staples intended to be used during open or laparoscopic surgical procedures of the alimentary tract, to create anastomoses (end-to-end, end-to-side, or side-to-side) via intraluminal (within the lumen) resection. The subject and predicate devices are same in design, materials and are sterilized via ethylene oxide, but different in lumen size.

The below table further summarizes the similarities and differences between the subject and predicate devices.

Features	Subject Device	Predicate Device		Reference Device K062850
		K192330	K172361	
	EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology			EEA™ Circular Stapler with DST Series™ Technology
Manufacturer	Same as predicate device.	Covidien		Covidien
Indications for Use	Same as predicate device.	The EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology has application throughout the alimentary tract for the creation of end-to-end, end-to-side and side-to-side anastomoses in both open and laparoscopic surgeries.		The EEA™ Circular Stapler with DST Series™ Technology has application throughout the alimentary tract for the creation of end-to-end, end-to-side and side-to-side anastomoses in both open and laparoscopic surgeries.
Operation Method	Same as predicate device.	Manual		Manual
Anatomical Site	Same as predicate device.	Alimentary tract		Alimentary tract
Surgical Approach	Same as predicate device.	Open and laparoscopic		Open and laparoscopic
Staple Rows	Same as predicate device.	3 staggered rows of staples with different staple height in each staple row		2 staggered rows of staples with same staple height in each staple row

Features	Subject Device	Predicate Device		Reference Device K062850
		K192330	K172361	
	EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology			EEA™ Circular Stapler with DST Series™ Technology
Staple Guide Color	Black Purple Same as predicate device.	Black	Purple	White (25mm)
Staple Size (open leg height)	Black staple guide: 4.0mm,4.5mm,5.0mm Purple staple guide: 3.0mm,3.5mm,4.0mm Same as predicate device.	Black staple guide: 4.0mm,4.5mm,5.0mm	Purple staple guide: 3.0mm,3.5mm,4.0mm	White staple (25mm) guide: 4.8mm, 4.8mm 3.5m, 3.5mm
Lumen Sizes	25mm Same as reference device (25mm lumen size), which is selected to be the control device in the performance testing.	28mm/31mm/33mm		25mm
Staple Material	Same as predicate device.	Titanium per ASTM F67 Grade I		Titanium per ASTM F67 Grade I
Stapler Length	Same as predicate device.	Standard length: 22cm Extra length XL: 35cm		Standard length: 22cm Extra length XL: 35cm
Audible Feedback	Same as predicate device.	Yes		Yes
Anvil Head	Same as predicate device.	3 staggered rows of anvil bucket, lipless design		2 staggered rows of anvil bucket, lipped design
Safety Lever	Same as predicate device.	Red color		White color
Key Parts Materials	Same as predicate device.	Knife: Stainless Steel Anvil: Stainless Steel Tube: Aluminum		Knife: Stainless Steel Anvil: Stainless Steel Tube: Aluminum
Biocompatibility	Same as predicate device.	Evaluated per ISO 10993-1 series and FDA 2016 biocompatibility guidance		Evaluated per ISO 10993-1 series
Single Use	Same as predicate device.	Yes		Yes
Disposable	Same as predicate device.	Yes		Yes
Sterile	Same as predicate device.	Ethylene oxide		Ethylene oxide
Shelf Life	Same as predicate device.	5 years		5 years

Tests performed to evaluate and compare technological and performance characteristics:

Non-clinical performance data – the following testing has been performed to demonstrate substantial equivalence to the predicate device.

1. Performance Test (In-Vitro)
 - Visual/Packaging Inspection
 - IFU Walkthrough
 - Safety Lock Release Force Test
 - Staple Formation on Test Medium
 - Anvil Retention Force Test
 - Anvil Attach Force Test
 - Anvil Detach Force Test
 - Clamping Force Test
 - Unclamping Force Test
 - Firing Force Test

2. Performance Test (Ex-Vivo)
 - Ex-Vivo Firings
 - Knife Cut Evaluation
 - Leak / Burst Test

3. Performance Test (In-Vivo)
 - Atraumatic Tissue Test
 - Hemostasis Test
 - Staple Formation on Tissues

The chronic animal study submitted in K172361 to evaluate the performance of the subject device and reference device shows no differences in healing metrics or anastomotic index.

Clinical performance data – No clinical study is deemed necessary since the substantial equivalence has been sufficiently demonstrated by non-clinical studies.

Conclusion:

Based upon the supporting data summarized above, we concluded that the subject device EEA™ Circular Stapler with Tri-Staple™ Technology is substantially equivalent to the legally-marketed device (K192330 and K172361) and does not raise different questions or additional risks of safety and effectiveness than the predicate device.