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Re: K973309
Vilex/DuVal Cannulated Bone Screw
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: HWC
Dated: December 10, 1997
Received: December 16, 1997

Dear Dr. Lavi:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to 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). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act.

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. Note that labeling or otherwise promoting a device for pedicular screw fixation/attachment would cause the device to be adulterated under 501(f)(1) of the Act. This device, if intended for use in pedicular screw fixation/attachment, would be found not substantially equivalent and would be a class III device under Section 513(f) of the Act. Class III devices are required to have an approved premarket approval (PMA) application prior to marketing. Accordingly:

1. The package insert must prominently state that the device is intended for the specific use(s) described in the enclosure only; and

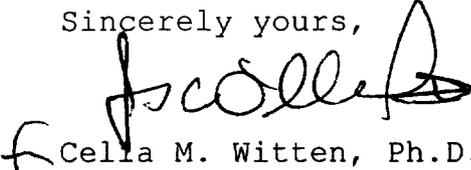
2. You may not label or in any way promote this device for pedicular screw attachment to, or fixation of the cervical, thoracic or lumbar vertebral column. If this device is a screw with outer diameters of 3 mm - 10 mm and overall lengths of 10 mm - 75 mm inclusively, the package insert must include the following statement, "**WARNING:** This device is not approved for screw attachment or fixation to the posterior elements (pedicles) of the cervical, thoracic, or lumbar spine." Any pedicular screw fixation/attachment to the cervical, thoracic or lumbar vertebral column of this device is considered investigational and may only be investigated as a significant risk device in accordance with the investigational device exemption (IDE) regulations under 21 CFR, Part 812. All users of the device for pedicular screw fixation/attachment must receive approval from their respective institutional review boards (IRBs) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) prior to conduct of the investigation.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practice requirement, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic (QS) inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal Laws or Regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification immediately. An FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosure

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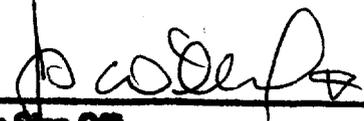
Device Name: Vilex Cannulated Bone Screw, DuVal Cannulated Bone Screw

Indications For Use:

The Vilex/DuVal Cannulated Bone Screw, as designed, has the following Indications for Use: Bone Fractures, Osteotomies, Arthrodeses, Osteochondritis and Tendon Reattachment. It is intended for, but not limited to, Hand Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Podiatric Surgery. The material used to manufacture this screw is 316L, implant-quality stainless steel. When properly used with Vilex instrumentation, this screw achieves safe purchase and compression for cortical and cancellous bone fixation in the human body.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)



(Division Sign-Off)
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Prescription Use X
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter Use _____

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