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Re: k011649
Trade/Device Name: Valproic Acid
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 862.3645
Regulation Name: Neuroleptic drugs radioreceptor assay test system
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: LEG
Dated: December 17, 2001
Received: December 20, 2001

Dear Dr. Anderson:

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. 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.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), 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 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); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, 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) 594-4588. 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" (21CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known): Not Known K 011649

Device Name: VALPROIC ACID

Indications For Use :

The Randox Laboratories Ltd. Valproic Acid Test Kit is an *in vitro* diagnostic reagent for the quantitative determination of valproic acid in serum. The method is a latex-enhanced immunoturbidimetric assay based on the principle of measuring changes in scattered light. Latex particles are coated with valproic acid which, in the presence of valproic acid antibody solution, rapidly agglutinate. When a sample containing valproic acid is introduced the agglutination reaction is partially inhibited, slowing down the agglutination process. The rate of agglutination is inversely dependent on the concentration of valproic acid in the sample. By monitoring the change in scattered light as a change in absorbance, a concentration curve can be obtained. The actual change in absorbance is inversely proportional to the concentration of valproic acid in the sample.

Measurements obtained by this device are used in the diagnosis and treatment of valproic acid use or overdose and in monitoring levels of valproic acid to ensure appropriate therapy.

These Application Sheets have been developed for the Hitachi 717 and Advia 1650 analysers and must be used by suitably qualified laboratory personnel under appropriate laboratory conditions.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

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

OR

Over-The-Counter Use (Optional format 1-2-96)