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Re: K142351
Trade/Device Name: 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 862.1825
Regulation Name: Vitamin D test system
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: MRG
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Dear Mick Henderson:

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. 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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Sincerely yours,


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Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)
k142351

Device Name
25-Hydroxy Vitamin DS EIA

Indications for Use (Describe)

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin DS EIA assay is intended for the quantitative determination of 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D] and other hydroxylated metabolites in human serum or plasma. Results are to be used in conjunction with other clinical and laboratory data to assist the clinician in the assessment of vitamin D sufficiency in an adult population.

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

510k Number **k142351**

Introduction According to the requirements of 21CFR807.92, the following information provides sufficient detail to understand the basis for a determination of substantial equivalence.

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Device Name

Proprietary names: 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA

Common names: Vitamin D test

Classification: 21CFR862.1825 Vitamin D Test System
Regulatory Class: II

Product Code: MRG

Predicate Device Name: IDS, OCTEIA 25-OH Vitamin D EIA, (k021163)

A. Test Principle:

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA is a manual assay test and does not require the use of an automated system. The whole assay is performed in a microtitre plate and requires a user to perform each step.

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA assay

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S assay is an enzymeimmunoassay for the quantitation of 25(OH)D and other hydroxylated metabolites in serum or plasma. 25µL of each calibrators, controls and samples are diluted with biotin labelled 25(OH)D. The diluted samples are incubated in microtitre wells which are coated with a highly specific sheep 25(OH)D at room temperature before aspiration and washing. Enzyme (horseradish peroxidase) labelled avidin, is added and binds selectively to complexed biotin and, following a further wash step, colour is developed using a chromogenic substrate (TMB).

The absorbance of the stopped reaction mixtures are read in a microtitre plate reader, colour intensity developed being inversely proportional to the concentration of 25(OH)D.

B. Indications For Use:

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA assay is intended for the quantitative determination of 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D] and other hydroxylated metabolites in human serum or plasma. Results are to be used in conjunction with other clinical and laboratory data to assist the clinician in the assessment of vitamin D sufficiency in an adult population.

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C. Comparison with the predicate:

Similarities compared to the chosen predicate device (OCTEIA 25-hydroxy vitamin D EIA)

	Predicate K021163	Candidate Device
Intended Use	The OCTEIA 25-hydroxy vitamin D EIA (25-OH D) kit is an assay for the quantitative measurement of 25-Hydroxy vitamin D in serum and plasma.	Same
Indications for use	Results are to be used in conjunction with other clinical and laboratory data to assist the	Same

	clinician in the assessment of vitamin D sufficiency	
Analyte	25-hydroxy vitamin D	Same
Reagent storage	2-8°C	Same
Capture	Antibody coated micro plate	Same
Calibrator	Low charcoal stripped human serum containing 25-hydroxy vitamin D and sodium azide as a preservative	Same
Sample volume	25µL	Same
Units	nmol/L	Same
Kit components	EIA kit consisting of Anti-25-OH D coated plate, Biotinylated 25-OH D, Standards (7 levels), kit controls (2 levels), Avidin HRP solution, substrate solution, stop solution and wash solution	Same
Calibration	Full standard curve to be run with all assays	Same
Calibration interval	Per assay run	Same
Quality Control	Two (2) controls provided	Same
Conversion of units	nmol/L x 0.40 = ng/mL ng/mL x 2.5 = nmol/L	Same

Differences compared to the chosen (FDA cleared; marketed) predicate device

	Predicate K021163	Candidate Device
Antibodies	Sheep anti 25-hydroxy vitamin D.	new source
Analytical sensitivity	5 nmol/L	NA
Functional Sensitivity (Limit of Quantitation (LoQ))	NA	4.8ng/mL (12 nmol/L)
Limit of Detection (LoD)	NA	2.7ng/mL (6.9 nmol/L)
Limit of Blank (LoB)	NA	1.3ng/mL (4.5nmol/L)
Precision	<u>Intra-assay Precision n = 10</u> 5.3% to 6.7% in the concentration range 39 to 165nmol/L <u>Inter-assay Precision n = 11</u> 4.6% to 8.7% in the concentration range 40 to 132nmol/L	<u>Within Run Precision n = 88</u> 1.9% to 3.7% in the concentration range 11.7 to 65.1 ng/mL (29.3 to 183 nmol/L) <u>Total Precision n = 88</u> 3.7% to 11.6% in the concentration range 11.7 to 65.1ng/mL (29.3 to 183 nmol/L)

Specificity, Interfering substances & Cross Reactivity	<u>Specificity</u> 25-Hydroxy vitamin D ₃ 100%	<u>Specificity</u> 25-Hydroxy vitamin D ₃ 95%

Performance	Predicate K021163	Candidate Device
Specificity, Interfering substances & Cross Reactivity	<u>Interference:</u> Haemoglobin Tested up to 1470 mg/dL Bilirubin Tested up to 513 µmol/L Lipid Tested up to 5.6 mmol/L triglyceride	<u>Interference:</u> Haemoglobin No interference up to 400mg/dL Bilirubin, conjugated No interference up to 20mg/dL Triglyceride (Intra Lipid) No interference up to 475mg/dL Total Protein No interference up to 9.2g/dL HAMA No interference up to 1000ng/mL Red Blood Cells No interference up to 0.4% Rheumatoid Factor No interference up to 800IU/mL Vitamin D Binding Protein (Gc globulin) No interference up to 2000 ng/mL Cholesterol, Total No interference up to 500mg/dL Biotin No interference up to 200nmol/L

Performance	Predicate K021163	Candidate Device
	<p data-bbox="507 338 919 448"><u>Cross Reactivity</u> 25-Hydroxy vitamin D₂ 75%</p> <p data-bbox="507 501 919 611">24,25-DiHydroxy vitamin D₃ ≥ 100%</p> <p data-bbox="507 712 919 822">Cholecalciferol (D₃) < 0.01%</p> <p data-bbox="507 855 919 927">Cholecalciferol (D₂) < 0.30%</p>	<p data-bbox="941 338 1343 448"><u>Cross Reactivity</u> 25-Hydroxy vitamin D₂ 109%</p> <p data-bbox="941 450 1343 521">24-25 Di- Hydroxy vitamin D₃ 95%</p> <p data-bbox="941 560 1343 631">24,25-(OH)₂D₃ 91%</p> <p data-bbox="941 705 1343 777">3-epi-25-OH Vitamin D₃ -1%</p> <p data-bbox="941 815 1343 887">3-epi-25-OH Vitamin D₂ -1%</p> <p data-bbox="941 925 1343 996">1,25-(OH)₂D₃ 5%</p> <p data-bbox="941 1034 1343 1106">1,25-(OH)₂D₂ 84%</p> <p data-bbox="941 1144 1343 1216">Paricalcitol 17%</p> <p data-bbox="941 1254 1343 1326">25(OH)D₃ 95%</p> <p data-bbox="941 1364 1343 1435">25(OH)D₂ 109%</p> <p data-bbox="941 1473 1343 1545">Vitamin D₃ (Cholecalciferol) 0%</p> <p data-bbox="941 1583 1343 1655">Vitamin D₂ (Ergocalciferol) 6%</p>

Performance	Predicate K021163	Candidate Device
Reference range/ Expected Values	47.7 – 144 nmol/L	Non Supplemented 11.2 to 45.9ng/mL 28.0 to 114.6 nmol/L Supplemented 15.4 to 86.8ng/mL 38.5 to 217.1 nmol/L Overall 12.3 to 49ng/mL 30.7 to 122.5 nmol/L
Method comparison	Against a recognised radioimmunoassay n = 180 $AC57 = 1.01(x) + 0.7$ Correlation coefficient (r) = 0.9	Against Predicate device n = 195 Passing Bablok regression: 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D ^S = 0.88 x (25-Hydroxy Vitamin D) + 3.2 ng/mL (+ 8.1 nmol/L) Pearson correlation coefficient, r: 0.94
Reportable Range	2ng/mL to 152ng/mL	6.5 to 100ng/mL
Linearity	Mean Measured / Expected 102% <i>Range individual dilutions</i> 88% to 125%	Linear regression of the observed concentrations versus the expected concentrations: Observed = 1.02 x (Expected) + 0.23 ng/mL Observed = 1.02 x (Expected) + 0.58 nmol/L Regression coefficient R ² := 1.00 Maximum deviation; -8.8% for samples > 20 ng/mL and 2.37 ng/ml for samples < 20 ng/mL
Sample matrix (primary tube type)	Serum or Plasma (EDTA or Heparin)	Serum (standard sampling tubes or tubes containing serum separating gel) or plasma (EDTA, lithium heparin, sodium heparin or sodium citrate)

D. Performance Characteristics :

1. Analytical performance:

a. Precision/Reproducibility:

Precision was determined in accordance with CLSI EP5-A2, “Evaluation of Precision Performance of Quantitative Measurement Methods”. 10 serum samples were assayed using 3 lots of reagents in duplicate, twice per day for a minimum of 20 days (n ≥ 80 replicates per sample).

Results from one representative lot is summarized in the table below (n=88)

	<u>ng/mL</u>									
	n =	Mean	Within Run		EP Evaluator Between Run		Between Day		Total	
			SD	%cv	SD	%cv	SD	%cv	SD	%cv
IQC1	88	19.1	0.4	1.9%	0.6	3.2%	0.1	0.4%	0.7	3.7%
IQC2	88	43.7	0.8	1.9%	0.9	4.3%	0.0	0.0%	2.0	4.6%
IQC3	88	65.1	2.3	3.5%	4.0	6.2%	1.7	2.6%	4.9	7.6%
S1	88	11.7	0.4	3.4%	1.3	11.0%	0.0	0.0%	1.4	11.5%
S2	88	24.5	0.6	2.5%	1.3	5.3%	0.0	0.0%	1.4	5.8%
S3	88	40.7	1.0	2.5%	2.1	5.1%	0.0	0.0%	2.3	5.7%
S4	88	73.2	2.7	3.7%	4.0	5.5%	0.6	0.8%	4.9	6.6%
S5	88	21.7	0.5	2.4%	0.9	4.1%	0.0	0.0%	1.0	4.7%
S6	88	51.0	1.9	3.7%	3.4	6.6%	0.0	0.0%	3.9	7.6%
S7	88	28.3	0.8	2.7%	1.7	6.2%	0.0	0.0%	1.9	6.7%

b. Linearity/assay reportable range:

Linearity was evaluated based on a modified version of CLSI EP-6A, “Evaluation of the Linearity of Quantitative Measurement Procedures”. Samples containing varying concentrations of 25-hydroxyvitamin D were assayed in replicate of four. The resulting mean concentrations were compared to predicted concentrations. Samples were prepared by diluting a high patient sample with a low patient sample prior to assay. The linear regression (weighted) of the Observed concentrations versus the expected concentrations is:

$$\text{Observed} = 1.02 \times (\text{Expected}) + 0.23 \text{ ng/mL}$$

$$\text{Observed} = 1.02 \times (\text{Expected}) + 0.58 \text{ nmol/L}$$

$$\text{Regression coefficient } R^2 := 1.00$$

Maximum deviation; -8.8% for samples > 20 ng/mL and 2.37 ng/ml for samples < 20 ng/mL

The reportable range of the assay is 6.5 – 100 ng/mL (16.3 – 250 nmol/L). Any value that reads below 6.5 ng/mL (16.3nmol/L) should be reported as “< 6.5 ng/mL (16.3 nmol/L)”.

c. *Traceability, Stability, Expected values (controls, calibrators, or methods):*

Traceability:

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S assay is traceable to the isotope dilution-liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (ID-LCMS/MS) 25(OH) Vitamin D reference method procedure (RMP) which was used in assigning the target value for the Vitamin D Standardization Program (VDSP single donor human serum panel. The ID-LCMS/MS RMP is traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology Standard Reference Material (SRM) 2972.

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S assay is certified by the CDC Vitamin D Standardization Certification Program (VDSP) <http://www.cdc.gov/labstandards/hs.html>

Stability

This kit is stable for 8 months when stored at 2-8°C.

Kit component	After opening or preparation (open vial stability)
Biotin 25(OH)D Solution	8 weeks after reconstitution Store at 2-8°C in the dark immediately after use
Unused Ab. coated plate strip	8 weeks Store at 2-8°C in foil pouch with desiccant sachet
Calibrators, Controls	8 weeks Store at 2-8°C after opening
Wash Solution	8 weeks Store at room temperature (18-25 °C) after preparation

d. *Detection limit:*

The limit of blank (LoB), limit of detection (LoD) and limit of quantitation (LoQ) were determined based on guidance from CLSI EP17-A “Protocols for the determination of limits of detection and limits of quantitation”.

Sensitivity	25OHD Levels
LoB	1.3 ng/mL (4.5 nmol/L)
LoD	2.7 ng/mL (6.9 nmol/L)
LoQ	4.8 ng/mL (12.0 nmol/L)

e. *Analytical specificity:*

Cross-reactivity of endogenous 25(OH) vitamin D metabolite. Endogenous 25(OH) vitamin D metabolites were spiked into vitamin D serum samples and analyzed with the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S assay.

Cross Reactant	Spike Conc. (ng/mL)	Mean % Cross Reactivity
25(OH)D ₃	10.0	95%
	20.0	
25(OH)D ₂	10.0	109%
	20.0	
24,25-(OH) ₂ D ₃	4.0	91%
	6.0	

Cross-reactivity of exogenous synthetic 25(OH) vitamin D metabolite. Exogenous synthetic 25(OH) vitamin D metabolites were spiked into vitamin D serum samples and analyzed with the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S assay.

Cross Reactant	Spike Conc. (ng/mL)	Mean% Cross Reactivity
3-epi-25(OH) D ₃	100	-1%
3-epi-25(OH) D ₂	100	-1%
1,25-(OH) ₂ D ₃	2	5%
1,25-(OH) ₂ D ₂	20	84%
VitaminD ₃ (Cholecalciferol)	1000	0%
VitaminD ₂ (Ergocalciferol)	100	6%
Paricalcitol*	100	17%

* Paricalcitol interferes with the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA test. Paricalcitol, when tested, caused a positive bias in sample result.

The following substances do not interfere in the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA assay when the concentrations presented in the following table are below the stated threshold.

Potentially Interfering Agent	Threshold Concentration
Triglycerides	475 mg/dL
Bilirubin (conjugated)	20 mg/dL
Haemoglobin	400 mg/dL
HAMA	1000 ng/mL
Rheumatoid Factor	800 IU/mL
Red Blood Cells	0.40%
Vitamin D Binding Proteins	2000 ng/dL

Total Protein	9.2g/dL
Cholesterol, Total	500 mg/mL
Biotin	200nmol/L

2. Comparison studies:

a. *Method comparison with predicate device:*

The 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA Assay was compared against the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D EIA assay (K021163) for the quantitative determination of 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D (and other hydroxylated metabolites), following CLSI EP-9A2, “Method Comparison and Bias Estimation Using Patient Samples”.

Correlation to 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D EIA, AC57 (k021163)

Passing Bablok	$y = 0.88x + 3.23 \text{ ng/mL}$	$y = 0.88 + 8.05 \text{ nmol/L}$
Slope, 95% Confidence Interval	0.86 to 0.91	0.86 to 0.91
Intercept, 95% Confidence Interval	2.71 to 3.83 ng/mL	6.85 to 9.45 nmol/L
Linear Regression	$y = 0.82x + 4.86 \text{ ng/mL}$	$y = 0.82x + 12.35 \text{ nmol/L}$
Slope, 95% Confidence Interval	0.80 to 0.84	0.80 to 0.84
Intercept, 95% Confidence Interval	4.14 to 5.57 ng/mL	10.35 to 13.92 nmol/L
Correlation Coefficient, r	0.97	0.97
n	195	195
Diffrence Plot	-0.61	-1.53

Additional method comparison study was performed against the reference measurement procedure using 109 independent native serum samples which has been value assigned by the Ghent reference method procedure. Regression analysis was summarized below:

	<u>ng/mL</u>	<u>nmol/L</u>
Passing Bablok	$y = 0.96x - 0.11 \text{ ng/mL}$	$y = 0.96x - 0.34 \text{ nmol/L}$
Slope, 95% Confidence Interval	0.88 to 1.02	0.88 to 1.02
Intercept, 95% Confidence Interval	-1.62 to 1.88 ng/mL	-4.15 to 4.68 nmol/L
Deming Regression	$y = 0.97x - 0.84 \text{ ng/mL}$	$y = 0.97x - 2.07 \text{ nmol/L}$
Slope, 95% Confidence Interval	0.90 to 1.04	0.90 to 1.04
Intercept, 95% Confidence Interval	-2.75 to 1.08 ng/mL	-6.85 to 2.71 nmol/L
Correlation Coefficient, r	0.947	0.947
n	109	109
Diffrence Plot	-1.77	-4.42

b. Matrix comparison:

Summary of the statistical methods used for alternative blood tube types to serum blood tube using a paired tube comparison is shown below.

Passing-Bablok analysis of the test and comparator assays was performed, taking the slope, intercept and correlation coefficient (with 95 % confidence intervals) and difference bias plot.

	SST	EDTA	Sodium Heparin
n	28	38	28
Passing bablok	$y=0.99x+0.18$ g/mL	$y=0.97x+0.60$ ng/mL	$y=1.07x-0.47$ ng/mL
Slope,95% confidence level	0.95 to 1.03	1.00 to 1.01	1.00 to 1.10
Intercept, 95% confidence level	-0.17 to 0.65ng/mL	-0.15 to 1.04ng/mL	-1.21 to 0.68ng/mL
Correlation Coefficient, r	0.99	1.00	0.99
Mean Bias	0.41	0.07	1.11

	Lithium Heparin	Citrate
n	28	28
Passing Bablok	$Y=1.04x -0.22$ ng/mL	$Y=1.03x -0.70$ ng/mL
Slope, 95% confidence level	1.01 to 1.08	0.98 to 1.06
Intercept, 95% Confidence level	-0.73 to 0.60 ng/mL	-1.36 to 0.49 ng/mL
Correlation Coefficient, r	1.00	0.99
Mean Bias	1.50	0.43

The design criterion was that the slope must be 0.85 to 1.15 and the intercept +/- 7 ng/mL and $r \geq 0.90$.

Serum separator tubes (SST), EDTA plasma, Sodium Heparin plasma, Lithium Heparin plasma and citrate plasma tube data do not present any new issues of safety or effectiveness for the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S EIA assay.

3. Expected values/Reference range:

An expected values study performed according to the non-parametric method in CLSI protocol C28-A2.

Samples from 280 apparently light skin and dark skin healthy male adults (71.1%) and female adults (28.9%) aged 21-77 years living in geographical diverse regions of the United States to represent a broad spectrum of UV light exposure in the intended population were assayed in the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S Assay. Samples were from individuals with normal values for intact PTH, calcium, phosphate, and TSH, and not taking any interfering medications. The following ranges were determined using the 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D^S assay and are provided for information only. The 95 % reference interval for apparently healthy adults, were calculated by a non-parametric

method following guidance from CLSI C28-A3 “ Defining, Establishing and Verifying Reference Intervals in the Clinical Laboratory”.

Obtained normal adults range:12.3 to 49.0 ng/mL (30.7 to 122.5 nmol/L) (n=280)

Observed sample ranges were:

	n	%	Observed Sample Range (ng/mL)	Median (ng/mL)
Non-supplemented	219	78.2%	11.2 to 45.9	25.1
<i>Northern US</i>	116	41.4%	10.3 to 35.1	22.6
<i>Southern US</i>	103	36.8%	14.6 to 48.0	29.5
Supplemented	61	21.8%	15.4 to 86.8	30.2
Overall	280	100%	12.3 to 49.0	26.0

	n	%	Observed Sample Range (nmol/L)	Median (nmol/L)
Non-supplemented	219	78.2%	28.0 to 114.6	62.8
<i>Northern US</i>	116	41.4%	25.6 to 87.6	56.5
<i>Southern US</i>	103	36.8%	36.6 to 120.0	73.9
Supplemented	61	21.8%	38.5 to 217.1	75.5
Overall	280	100%	30.7 to 122.5	65.0

The above ranges should be considered as guidelines only; it is recommended that each laboratory establish its own expected range based for its own patient population.

The 95% reference interval was calculated by a non-parametric method following C28-A2. The following range was obtained:

Normal Adults 12.3 to 49.0 ng/mL (n = 280)
 30.7 to 122.5 nmol/L (n = 280)

The package insert states that there is no universal agreement on the optimal concentration of 25OHD. Ranges should be based on clinical decision values that apply to both sexes of all ages rather than population based reference ranges for 25OHD.

E. Conclusion:

The submitted information in this premarket notification is complete and supports a substantial equivalence decision.