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Re: K143065

Trade/Device Name: NuVasive® ALIF Buttress Plate System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3060  
Regulation Name: Spinal intervertebral body fixation orthosis  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: KWQ  
Dated: October 23, 2014  
Received: October 24, 2014

Dear Ms. Cheung:

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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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.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). For questions regarding the reporting of adverse events under the MDR regulation (21 CFR Part 803), please go to

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/ReportaProblem/default.htm> for the CDRH's Office of Surveillance and Biometrics/Division of Postmarket Surveillance.

You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Industry and Consumer Education at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

K143065

Device Name

NuVasive® ALIF Buttress Plate System

Indications for Use (Describe)

The NuVasive ALIF Buttress Plate System is an anterior non-load bearing plate system that may be used in the thoracic, lumbar and sacral spine (T1-S1). The NuVasive ALIF Buttress Plate System, in conjunction with traditional rigid fixation, is intended for use in spinal fusion procedures as a means to maintain the relative position of weak bony tissue such as allografts and autografts. This device is not intended for load bearing applications.

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

In accordance with Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 807, and in particular 21 CFR §807.92, the following summary of information is provided:

### A. Submitted by:

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### B. Device Name

Trade or Proprietary Name:	NuVasive® ALIF Buttress Plate System
Common or Usual Name:	Buttress Plate
Classification Name:	Spinal Intervertebral Body Fixation Orthosis

Device Class:	Class II
Classification:	21 CFR § 888.3060
Product Code:	KWQ

### C. Predicate Devices

The subject *ALIF Buttress Plate System* is substantially equivalent to the following predicate devices:

#### Primary Predicates

- K021039, Depuy AcroMed BowTi Anterior Buttress Staple System

#### Additional Predicates

- K121837, NuVasive Brigade® Anterior Plate System
- K072339, NuVasive Anterior Lumbar Plate System
- K072943, X-spine Systems Butrex™ Buttress Plating System
- K040130, SeaSpine Anterior Lumbar Buttress System
- K090415, Eminent Spine Fang Plate System

### D. Device Description

The *NuVasive ALIF Buttress Plate System* is an anterior non-load bearing plate system manufactured from Ti-6Al-4V per ASTM F1472 or Ti-6Al-4V ELI per ASTM F136, Nickel-Cobalt-Chromium-Molybdenum Alloy (Carpenter MP35N™ Alloy) per ASTM F562, and Nitinol SE510 per ASTM F2063. The implants are available in a variety of

different shapes and sizes to suit the individual pathology and anatomical conditions of the patient.

**E. Intended Use**

The *NuVasive ALIF Buttress Plate System* is an anterior non-load bearing plate system that may be used in the thoracic, lumbar and sacral spine (T1-S1). The *NuVasive ALIF Buttress Plate System*, in conjunction with traditional rigid fixation, is intended for use in spinal fusion procedures as a means to maintain the relative position of weak bony tissue such as allografts and autografts. This device is not intended for load bearing applications.

**F. Technological Characteristics**

The subject *ALIF Buttress Plate System* is substantially equivalent to other predicate devices cleared by the FDA for commercial distribution in the United States. The subject device was shown to have equivalent technological characteristics to its predicate devices through comparison in areas including design, intended use, material composition, and function. This device does not contain software or electrical equipment.

**G. Performance Data**

Nonclinical testing was performed to demonstrate the subject *ALIF Buttress Plate System* is substantially equivalent to other predicate devices. The following testing was performed:

- Static and Dynamic Cantilever Bending Testing per ASTM F1717-13

**H. Conclusions**

Based on the indications for use, technological characteristics, and comparison to predicate devices, the subject *ALIF Buttress Plate System* has been shown to be substantially equivalent to legally marketed predicate devices for its intended use.