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Re: K143592

Trade/Device Name: Gamma Phage Lysis Assay For The Identification Of Bacillus
Anthraxis

Regulatory Class: unclassified

Product Code: NVQ

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Dear Dr. Bertram:

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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Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)
k143592

Device Name
GAMMA PHAGE LYSIS ASSAY FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF BACILLUS ANTHRACIS

Indications for Use (Describe)

The Gamma Phage assay is a lytic phage assay specific for Bacillus anthracis. The Gamma Phage assay (common name) can be used on suspect non-hemolytic, aerobic, gram-positive, "ground-glass"- appearing colonies from sheep blood agar in conjunction with other markers and testing for the identification of Bacillus anthracis. The assay is not intended for screening of blood or plasma donors.

Use of this assay is limited to designated laboratories within the Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and Department of Defense (DOD).

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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Gamma Phage Lysis for the Identification of Bacillus anthracis

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Trade Name:	Gamma Phage Lysis for the Identification of <i>Bacillus anthracis</i>
Common Name:	<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> Culture, Controls
Classification Name:	Bacteriophage And Controls, <i>B. anthracis</i> Lysis
Submission Type:	Special 510k
Device Class:	Unclassified
Product Code:	NVQ
Predicate Device:	K051794 <i>Gamma Phage Lysis for the Identification of Bacillus anthracis</i>

Indications for Use

The Gamma Phage assay is a lytic phage assay specific for *Bacillus anthracis*. The Gamma Phage assay (common name) can be used on suspect non-hemolytic, aerobic, gram-positive, “ground-glass”-appearing colonies from sheep blood agar in conjunction with other markers and testing for the identification of *Bacillus anthracis*. The assay is not intended for screening of blood or plasma donors.

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Device Description and Comparison

The gamma phage is a lytic bacteriophage which binds to specific cell-surface components of susceptible bacteria. Their DNA is injected into the bacterium. The gamma phage replicate within the bacterium and produce PlyG lysine (2), resulting in lysis of the infected cell and release of phage. The release of newly synthesized phage leads to another round of phage infection and lysis.

Materials Supplied:

- *Bacillus anthracis* Gamma Phage Suspension, 0.5 ml
- Positive Control, *Bacillus anthracis* Pasteur Strain Spore Suspension, 1.0 ml
- Negative Control, *Bacillus cereus* Spore Suspension, 1.0 ml

Materials required but not supplied:

- 5% Sheep Blood Agar plate
- Inoculating loops, 1 μ l and 10 μ l
- Aerosol resistant pipette tips
- Disinfectant

Equipment required:

- Pipettor, 5-50 μ l

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- Incubator, 35+/- 2 °C
- Biological Safety Cabinet, Class II
- Refrigerator, 2-8 °C

The only modification that was made is a change to the positive control strain (listed above), from the specified Pasteur strain, to the Sterne strain. The change in positive control strain does not impact the performance of the assay and does not substantially alter the 510k Premarket Notification Submission.

Substantial Equivalence:

The modified Gamma Phage Lysis for the Identification of *Bacillus anthracis* has the same characteristics to those which previously received 510(k) concurrence:

- Have the same indication for use
- Use the same operating principle
- Incorporate the same materials , and equipment
- Has the same specimen collection and preparation instruction

The assay differs in that a new positive control strain, from specified Pasteur strain, to the Sterne stain.

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Table of Differences Compared to Original Submission (K051794)

Feature	K051794 Predicate Device	K143592 Proposed Device
Positive Control	Bacillus anthracis Pasteur strain spore suspension 1.0 ml (BC3132)	Bacillus anthracis Sterne strain viable lyophilized cells (BC3366) Colorado Serum Company (19102) Anthrax Spore Vaccine – 1.0 ml suspension of viable Bacillus anthracis Sterne strain 34F2 spores
Negative Control	Bacillus cereus spore suspension 1.0 ml (BC3133)	Bacillus cereus spore suspension 1.0 ml (BC3133) - same Bacillus cereus lyophilized cells (BC3367) ATCC 14579 – Bacillus cereus freeze-dried (lyophilized)
Reporting – Capsule Staining Techniques	A positive gamma phage result, in conjunction with a positive result for capsule, is considered confirmatory identification of B. anthracis. Capsule may be demonstrated by colony morphology on bicarbonate agar after incubation in enhanced CO ₂ or by staining techniques (India ink, M'Fadyean, or capsule DFA).	A positive gamma phage result, in conjunction with a positive result for capsule, is considered confirmatory identification of B. anthracis. Capsule may be demonstrated by colony morphology on bicarbonate agar after incubation in enhanced CO ₂ or by staining techniques (India ink or M'Fadyean). Difference - Capsule DFA removed.