Summary of "ProSpore Self-contained Biological Indicator"
for steam sterilization at 121°C
510(k) # K971432

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Device name:	ProSpore Self-contained Biological Indicator
Classification:	Class II medical device, General hospital
Predicate Devices (legally marketed):	Kilit™ (BBL) SporView™ (SPSmedical)
Predicate Devices 510(k) numbers:	Kilit™ (BBL) – Grandfather In* SporView™ (SPSmedical) – K905425

DESCRIPTION:

ProSpore is a self-contained biological indicator used for determining the efficacy of a 121°C sterilization cycle. The device is a hermetically sealed glass ampoule containing *Bacillus stearothermophilus* ATCC#7953 bacterial spores in a recovery medium of Tryptic Soy Broth with Bromocresol Purple pH indicator.

OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES

The ProSpore ampoule is placed with a load in the sterilization chamber and subjected to a normal steam sterilization cycle. The ampoule is then removed and cooled to room temperature. The processed ampoule and an unprocessed (control) ampoule are incubated at 55-60°C for 48 hours.

During incubation, the available food supply (Tryptic Soy Broth) and temperature promote growth of any viable spores. As viable spores germinate and consume the nutrients provided nitrogen waste products are released, increasing the acidity of the media which lowers the pH and causes the color to change from purple to yellow.

Evidence of growth by color change and/or turbidity within 48 hours may be interpreted as a failure to meet the conditions necessary for sterilization, provided signs of growth are present in the control ampoule.

STATEMENT OF SIMILARITY TO LEGALLY MARKETED PREDICATE DEVICE

ProSpore is similar in composition and function to the "Legally Marketed Predicate Devices" Kilit™ and SporView™.

- Intended for use in monitoring steam sterilization cycles at 121°C
- Utilize a USP recommended strain of *B. stearothermophilus* bacterial spore as its organism of choice for steam resistance characteristics
- Combine *B. stearothermophilus* spores with a recovery media containing a pH indicator in a flame-sealed glass ampoule

DESCRIPTION OF TESTING

Testing was performed to validate the labeled claims and performance characteristics for Prospore. These included using three separate lots to show stability of resistance characteristics and spore population, recovery of low numbers of injured spores, the effect of the pH indicator on recovery of spores and a reduced incubation period of 48 hours. For all lots tested, the above parameters and overall effectiveness in monitoring routine steam sterilization cycles has been demonstrated.

STATEMENT OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

Based on similar claims and design and the results from the above mentioned testing, the ProSpore Biological Indicator has been determined to be substantially equivalent to and therefore, as safe and effective as, the legally marketed devices Kilit™ and SporView™.

*Kilit™ (BBL) does not have a 510(k) number. It was marketed under the grandfather clause, which exempts devices in commercial distribution prior to May 28, 1976. We have obtained the results of the Tradesmarkscan search of the U.S. Patent Office trademark filing showing that the product was introduced into commerce on June 8, 1955 (Attachment 10). The FDA number is M452998.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Re: K971432
Trade Name: Prospore
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: FRC
Dated: April 15, 1997
Received: April 17, 1997

Dear Mr. Groff:

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.

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 Good Manufacturing Practice for Medical Devices: General (GMP) regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic GMP 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. 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) 594-4692. 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,

Timothy A. Ulatowski
Director
Division of Dental, Infection Control,
and General Hospital Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and
Radiological Health

Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known):_____

Device Name: ProSpore®

Indications For Use:

ProSpore® is a biological sterilization process indicator for steam sterilization at 121°C is a device intended for use by a health care provider to accompany products being sterilized through a steam sterilization procedure and to monitor adequacy of sterilization.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

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(Division Sign-Off)
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Prescription Use_____ OR Over-The-Counter Use X
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

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