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IX. 510(k) Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

SUBMITTER:	United States Surgical Corporation 150 Glover Avenue Norwalk, CT 06856
CONTACT PERSON:	Jamie Yieh
DATE PREPARED:	June 1, 1998
CLASSIFICATION NAME:	Absorbable Surgical Suture
COMMON NAME:	Synthetic Absorbable Surgical Suture
PROPRIETARY NAME:	Not yet determined
PREDICATE DEVICES:	Polysorb* Suture (K970863)
DEVICE DESCRIPTION:	Modified Polysorb* Suture is composed of a glycolide/lactide copolymer which is a synthetic polyester composed of glycolide and lactide (derived from glycolic and lactic acids). The suture is coated with a mixture of caprolactone/glycolide copolymer and calcium stearoyl lactylate.
INTENDED USE:	Modified Polysorb* Suture has indications for use in soft tissue approximation or ligation and ophthalmic surgery, but not in cardiovascular or neural tissue.
MATERIALS:	All component materials of the Modified Polysorb* Suture are comprised of materials which are in accordance with ISO Standard # 10993-1.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
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Mr. Jamie Yieh
Associate, Regulatory Affairs
United States Surgical Corporation
150 Glover Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut 06856

Re: K981935
Trade Name: Modified Polysorb Suture
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: GAM
Dated: June 1, 1998
Received: June 2, 1998

Dear Mr. Yieh:

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 that were regulated as transitional devices and that have been reclassified into class II. Notice of this reclassification was published in the Federal Register on Friday, May 31, 1991 (Vol. 56, No. 105, Pages 24684 and 24685). A copy of this Federal Register can be obtained by calling the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance (DSMA) at (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597. You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) and the following limitations:

1. The Modified Polysorb Surgical Suture is indicated for use in general soft tissue approximation and/or ligation, including use in ophthalmic procedures, but not for use in cardiovascular and neurological procedures.

2. This device may not be manufactured from any material other than homopolymers and copolymers made from glycolide and/or L-lactide. Any deviation of the polymer composition or processing as described in this 510(k) notification must be submitted to FDA in a new premarket notification at least 90 days prior to implementation of the proposed changes. In addition, you must maintain documentation at your premises regarding vendor certification for raw or semiprocessed source material, all manufacturing and quality control release procedures, and validation of sterilization procedures used in the manufacture of the Modifies Polysorbsurgical suture. Any deviation of the source material or processing as described in this 510(k) notification requires submission of a new premarket notification and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearance prior to commercial distribution of the modified device.

The sale, distribution and use of this device are restricted to prescription use in accordance with 21 CFR 801.109.

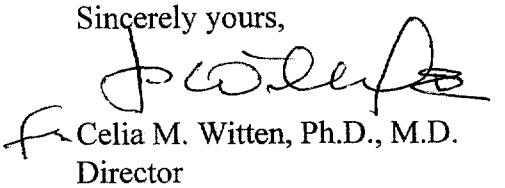
The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practices, labeling, and prohibition against misbranding and adulteration.

Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) 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) 594-4595. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4595. 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,



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Enclosure

IV. Indications For Use:

510(k) Number (if known): K981935

Name: Modified Polysorb* Suture

Indications For Use:
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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use: X OR Over-The-Counter Use: _____
(Per 21 CFR §801.109)

(Division Sign-Off)
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