



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration
2098 Gaither Road
Rockville MD 20850

Mr. Mark J. Kopnitsky
Vice President of Research & Development
Zeus Scientific, Inc.
200 Evans Way
Branchburg, New Jersey 08876

Re: K983426
Trade Name: Aptus (Automated) Application for the SSA Test
System
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: LLL
Dated: September 25, 1998
Received: September 29, 1998

Dear Mr. Kopnitsky:

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 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). 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.

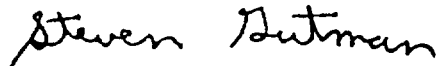
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS 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.

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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) 594-4588. 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/dsma/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Gutman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steven I. Gutman, M.D., M.B.A.
Director
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Laboratory Devices
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Enclosure

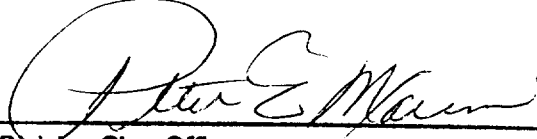
510(k) Number (if known): K983426

Device Name: Aptus (automated) Application for the SSA ELISA Test System

Indications for Use:

The presence of autoantibodies to a number of nuclear constituents has proven to be useful in the diagnosis of various connective tissue diseases. Although the exact etiology of autoimmune diseases is unknown, and the specific role played by autoantibodies in the onset of various autoimmune connective tissue diseases is obscure, the association and frequency of detection of these antibodies may play a key role in the diagnostic work-up of patients with suspected connective tissue diseases.

The SSA ELISA test system is intended for the manual or automated analysis of human serum for the presence or absence of IgG antibodies SSA.


 (Division Sign-Off)
 Division of Clinical Laboratory Devices
 510(k) Number K983426

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 Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use ✓

OR

Over-The-Counter Use

(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

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