

**Revised Section 4: 510(k) Summary**

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- 4.3 Device Trade Name** EPAD™ (Evoked Potential Assessing Device).
- 4.4 Classification Name and Regulation** Evoked Response Electrical Stimulator  
21 CFR 882.1870, GWF, Class II
- 4.5 Device Manufacturer** SafeOp Surgical, Inc.  
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- 4.6 Predicate Device(s)** Protektor 32, K093304  
NeuroEPG, K123843

**4.7 Indications for Use**

The EPAD is intended for use in monitoring neurological status by recording somatosensory evoked potentials (SSEP) or assessing the neuromuscular junction (NMJ).

**4.8 Summary Device Description**

The EPAD system consists of the following components/accessories:

- EPAD Headbox
- EPAD Headbox Power Supply
- EPAD Tablet Computer (includes power supply and USB cable)
- Stimulator Left Blue Cable Assembly (110 inches)
- Stimulator Right Yellow Cable Assembly (110 inches)
- Acquisition Left Red Cable Assembly (91 inches)
- Acquisition Right White Cable Assembly (92 inches)
- Stimulator Left Blue Short Cable Assembly (67 inches)
- Stimulator Right Yellow Short Cable Assembly (67 inches)
- Acquisition Left Red Short Cable Assembly (44 inches)

- Acquisition Right White Short Cable Assembly (72 inches)
- Adapter Cable for EPAD Headbox (for leakage current testing)
- Upper Limb Electrodes package
- Lower Limb Electrodes package

The EPAD Headbox contains a complete data acquisition system that has built-in amplifiers, analog to digital converters, and digital signal processors. User interface is via tablet touchscreen computer provided with the EPAD System and running the Android operating system. The EPAD software application is preloaded onto the tablet. Data can be transferred to an external computer for archiving purposes. Communication between the EPAD Headbox and tablet is via Bluetooth wireless or USB connection.

Electrode cables are provided for left and right stimulation and left and right acquisition, color coded for correct connection to the EPAD Headbox. Custom cutaneous electrodes for stimulus and acquisition are provided by SafeOp for use with the EPAD. A total of 11 electrodes are applied for full patient monitoring (upper and lower limbs). The SafeOp electrodes are wet gel, single patient use, disposable, and biocompatible for short term (<24 hours) use on intact skin.

#### **4.8 Technological Comparison to Predicate Device**

The following table provides a detailed side-by-side comparison of technical characteristics of the proposed device to the named predicate devices. The table also includes a discussion of each difference and justification for substantial equivalence.

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Category	Proposed SafeOp EPAD™	Predicate Protektor 32 (K093304)*	Predicate NeuroEPG (K123843)**	Discussion of Differences & Justification for SE
Indications for use	Intended for use in monitoring neurological status by recording somatosensory evoked potentials (SSEP) or assessing the neuromuscular junction (NMJ).	Intended for intra-operative neurological monitoring and for assessing acute dysfunction in corticospinal axonal conduction. The instrument uses EEG, EP, EMG and Transcranial Stimulation techniques to provide healthcare professionals with information to help assess a patient's neurological status during surgery.	To objectively record evoked responses from patients 18 years of age and older upon the presentation of sensory stimuli. The product is indicated for use as a diagnostic aid and adjunctive tool in sensory related disorders (i.e., auditory, somatosensory) and in surgical procedures for intraoperative monitoring.	Some differences in wording but all three devices are intended to record evoked responses for neurological monitoring. The EPAD is specifically designed for monitoring peripheral SSEPs and NMJ assessment.
<b>General Specifications</b>				
Operating modes	SSEP, NMJ	SSEP, BAEP, AEP, VEP, EEG, TcMEP, EMG	SSEP, AEP	EPAD modes are a subset of the modes offered by the Protektor.
Microprocessor controlled	Yes	Yes	Yes	No difference

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User interface	Tablet (Google Nexus 7)	Laptop or desktop PC	PC	Alternate I/O technology: touchpad tablet vs keyboard computer. Hardware and software testing presented in 510(k) demonstrate safety, effectiveness and SE.
Operating System	Google Android	Windows XP	Microsoft Windows (2000 or XP)	Alternate operating system. Android OS validated for EPAD as part of software V&V.
Interface connection	Bluetooth or USB	USB	USB	Alternate communication protocol. Compliance with FDA guidance for RF Wireless Technology in Medical Devices and applicable FCC regulations.
Power supply	100 to 240 VAC, 50-60 Hz (input); 15 VDC, 1.6A (output)	90 to 264 VAC, 47-63 Hz	Not stated	No difference

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Power consumption	< 24 W	60 W	Not stated	EPAD has lower power consumption due to fewer electronics, i.e., fewer stimulator and acquisition channels and no auditory or visual stimulator circuitry.
Operating environment	Temperature: 10° to 40°C (max 35°C for Tablet and power supply) Relative Humidity: 30%–75%	Temperature: 10°C to 40°C Relative humidity: 30%–75%	Not stated	No difference
Dimensions	<u>Headbox:</u> 8"H x 12"W x 2"D (20.3cm x 30.5cm x 5.1cm) <u>Tablet:</u> 7.8" x 4.7" x 0.4" (19.9cm x 12cm x 1 cm)	<u>Isolation Box:</u> 1.5"H x 3.8"W x 5.0"D (3.8cm x 9.6cm x 12.7cm) <u>Acquisition Box:</u> 5.5"H x 10"W x 8.5"D (14cm x 25.4cm x 21.6cm) <u>Stimulator Box:</u> 5.5"H x 10"W x 8.5"D (14cm x 25.4cm x 21.6cm)	Not stated	Physical size difference due to different design. EPAD to different design. EPAD acquisition, stimulation and isolation are combined within the Headbox.
Weight	<u>Headbox:</u> < 2 lbs <u>Tablet:</u> < 1 lb	Not stated	Not stated	Cannot compare, weight not stated for predicates.

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<b>Safety features</b>				
Electrocautery detection	Yes	Yes	Not stated	No difference
Patient isolation	Type BF (IEC 60601-1) Isolation amplifiers within EPAD Headbox	Type BF (IEC 60601-1) Separate isolation box	Type BF (IEC 60601-1) Fiber optic signal link	No difference
<b>Stimulus (for peripheral nerve stimulation modes only)</b>				
Number of stimulator channels	Up to 6	Up to 16	Not stated	Fewer stimulus channels needed for EPAD due to fewer operating modes.
Trigger in/out	No, stimulus and acquisition both handled via EPAD; no support for external stimulators	Yes, TTL pulse through BNC connector	Not stated	Trigger in/out not needed for EPAD because EPAD does not support external stimulators.
Stimulus type	Constant current	Constant current	Constant current	No difference
Stimulus intensity level(s)	0 to 100 mA	0 to 100 mA	Current: 0 to 25 mA Voltage: 0 to 50 V Continuously adjustable level with user selectable maximum range into a 2KΩ load)	No difference from Protektor.

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Max voltage	380 VDC with 3.8 kΩ load impedance	400 VDC with 4 kΩ load impedance	Not stated	Slightly lower maximum driving voltage but same expected maximum current.
Pulse duration (pulse width)	Choose from 0.1, 0.2 or 0.3 msec settings	Choose from 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5 and 1.0 msec settings	10 μsec to 1 msec	EPAD pulse durations are within those offered by predicates, appropriate for EPAD modes.
Repetition rate	0.1 to 50 Hz	0.3 to 1000 Hz	0.1 to 100 Hz	EPAD frequencies are within those offered by predicates, appropriate for EPAD modes.
Stim output indicator	Yes – Amber LED	Yes – Amber LED	Not stated	No difference

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<b>Waveform Acquisition</b>				
Number of acquisition channels	Up to 8, 6 currently active	32	Not stated	Fewer acquisition channels needed for EPAD due to fewer operating modes/electrodes.
Waveform display	Yes	Yes	Yes	No difference
Timebase	2 ms/division to 10 ms/division	0.5 ms/division to 500 ms/division	Not stated	Timebase range for EPAD waveforms is within that offered by predicates, appropriate for EPAD modes.
Sensitivity	0.5 $\mu$ V/division to 20 $\mu$ V/division	0.1 $\mu$ V/division to 5 mV/division	Not stated	EPAD sensitivity range is within that offered by predicates, appropriate for EPAD modes.
Rejection	Independent rejection for each channel plus cautery detection ground lead	Independent rejection for each channel	Yes, artifact rejection threshold of 25 $\mu$ V	No difference
Input Impedance	>50 M $\Omega$	>50 M $\Omega$	Not stated	No difference
Common mode rejection ratio (CMRR)	>93 dB	>93 dB	Not stated	No difference



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Low frequency filter	0.1 Hz to 500 Hz	0.1 Hz to 500 Hz	Not stated	No difference
High frequency filter	30 Hz to 3 kHz	30 Hz to 15 kHz	Not stated	The Protektor is a general purpose device with broad neurological monitoring modes. As such it is capable of acquiring signals using high frequency filters (HFF) up to 15 kHz. The SSEP and NMJ tests of the EPAD only require a HFF of 3 kHz.
Notch filter	50 or 60 Hz	50 or 60 Hz	Not stated	No difference
Noise level	< 20nV/√Hz	< 20nV/√Hz	Not stated	No difference
<b>Electrodes</b>				
Anatomical sites	SSEP: Upper/lower limbs and head/neck	SSEP: Upper/lower limbs and head/neck AEP: Head	SSEP: Upper/lower limbs and head/neck AEP: Head	EPAD electrodes are appropriate for peripheral nerve monitoring
Type	Custom cutaneous electrodes for use with EPAD only Single, double and triple electrodes	Any standard surface or needle electrodes with standard lead wire	Custom cutaneous electrodes for use with NeuroEPG only Multiple electrode configurations available	EPAD electrodes meet functional test requirements per AAMI/ANSI EC12:2000: Disposable ECG Electrodes

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Conductive gel	Wet gel	Not applicable	Not stated	EPAD electrodes meet functional test requirements per AAMI/ANSI EC12:2000: Disposable ECG Electrodes
Connectors	Nicomatic three pin	1.5 mm "TouchProof" - support any standard lead wires	Not stated	EPAD electrodes meet functional test requirements per AAMI/ANSI EC12:2000: Disposable ECG Electrodes
Current density	< 0.75 mA <sub>rms</sub> /cm <sup>2</sup>	Not applicable	Not stated	EPAD electrodes meet functional test requirements per AAMI/ANSI EC12:2000: Disposable ECG Electrodes
Sterility	Non-sterile, single patient use, disposable	Not applicable	Non-sterile, single patient use, disposable	No difference

\*Per Protektor User and Service Manual.

\*\*Per NeuroEPG 510(k) Summary for K123843.

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### 4.9 Discussion of Differences

The key differences between the EPAD and the predicate devices are as follows:

- The EPAD is used for a limited subset of testing (SSEP NMJ) as compared to the predicate devices that perform these types of tests in addition to others (e.g., auditory and visual evoked potentials). This is the main reason driving the technical differences. However, all of the technical characteristics for EPAD are within those previously cleared for these types of devices.
- The EPAD System includes an algorithm to detect changes in evoked potential latency and amplitude as compared to baseline and alert the user to check the waveforms for artifact or possible position deficit. This feature is not offered on the predicate devices. However, this does not raise new questions of safety and effectiveness because it is an optional adjunct to standard waveform viewing.
- The EPAD System includes custom electrodes while the Protektor is labeled for use with off-the-shelf cutaneous electrodes. However, other evoked potential devices have been cleared with custom electrodes, including the named NeuroEPG. The EPAD electrode design is based on well-established principles for cutaneous electrodes and the electrodes meet the requirements of the ANSI/AAMI EC12:2000 standard (Section 5.2.2, Tests for Functionality).

### 4.10 Nonclinical Testing

The following nonclinical testing was conducted to demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of the EPAD System and support substantial equivalence to the predicate devices.

**Software verification and validation testing** was conducted in accordance with FDA's Guidance on the Content of Premarket Submissions for Software Contained in Medical Devices. The results of this testing demonstrated that all software requirements have been fulfilled and all software hazards have been mitigated. There are no unresolved anomalies in the EPAD software.

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**Biocompatibility testing** on the patient contacting materials of the EPAD electrodes to the requirements of ISO 10993-1: Biological evaluation of medical devices-Part 1, Evaluation and Testing, demonstrated that the electrodes are safe for short term (<24 hours) contact with intact skin. Specific testing included cytotoxicity, sensitization, and irritation/intracutaneous reactivity.

**Accelerated aging testing** was conducted on the EPAD electrodes to establish a 15 month shelf life. All tests conducted following the accelerated aging of the electrodes in their final packaging were passed. The testing included the following:

- Impedance monitoring
- Visual inspection
- Testing in accordance with section 5.2.2 of ANSI/AAMI EC12:2000 for Disposable ECG Electrodes:
  - 10-Hz AC impedance, individual pair
  - Combined offset instability and internal noise
  - DC voltage offset, Bias test
- Electrode Impedance values on forearm
- Electrode evoked potential responses

**Electrical Safety and electromagnetic compatibility testing** was conducted to the following standards. All tests passed with no need for device modifications:

- UL60601-1: Medical Electrical Equipment - Part 1: General Requirements for Safety, 1<sup>st</sup> ed with revisions through April 2006
- IEC 60601-1-1: Medical Electrical Equipment - Part 1-1: General Requirements for Safety-Collateral Standard: Safety Requirements for Medical Electrical Systems, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, 2000
- IEC 60601-1-2: Medical Electrical Equipment - Part 1-2: General Requirements for Safety-; Electromagnetic Compatibility - Requirements and Tests, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, 2007
- IEC 60601-2-40: Particular Requirements for the Safety of Electromyographs and Evoked Response Equipment, 1<sup>st</sup> ed, 1998

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**FCC Certification Testing** was conducted by the manufacturer of the EPAD Tablet to certify the Bluetooth wireless technology component to the FCC regulations under 47 CFR Part 15. All tests passed.

**Functional Performance Testing** was conducted by the EPAD system contract manufacturer to validate system performance requirements. All test results met the test protocol acceptance criteria

- EPAD Signal Quality Tests – These tests were conducted to validate the quality of the waveform signals from the Headbox to the Tablet
  - Noise level peak to peak on each channel
  - CMRR adjustment on each channel
  - Low Frequency Filter on each channel
  - High Frequency Filter on each channel
  - DC offset on each channel
  - Cross talk between each channel
  - Gain on each channel
  - Qualification of impedance circuit on each lead of each channel
- Wireless Coexistence Testing – To evaluate the EPAD Bluetooth communication performance in the presence of multiple wireless devices all transmitting simultaneously. There was no observed decline in data transmission between the EPAD Headbox and Tablet under the test conditions.
- Alert Algorithm Testing – The functionality of the EPAD algorithm designed to alert the clinician to check the evoked potential waveforms for evidence of possible position deficit was tested under minimal, moderate, and extreme noise conditions. The EPAD was able to detect waveform changes of reduced amplitude (>50%) and increased latency (>10%) under all noise conditions.

### 4.11 Conclusions Regarding Substantial Equivalence

The information and testing presented in this 510(k) demonstrate that the EPAD Evoked Potential Assessing Device is safe and effective for its intended use and substantially equivalent to the named predicate devices. The EPAD has the same intended use and substantially equivalent

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indications for use. The main difference between the EPAD and the predicate devices is that the EPAD was designed specifically for peripheral nerve response (somatosensory evoked potential (SSEP)) and neuromuscular junction (NMJ) monitoring, while the predicate devices offer a broader range of monitoring modes, including auditory evoked responses. However, the technical specifications for electrical stimulation and waveform acquisition using the EPAD are within those of the predicate devices based on the publicly available information.



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Re: K132616

Trade/Device Name: EPAD  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 882.1870  
Regulation Name: Evoked response electrical stimulator  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: GWF, IKN, GXY  
Dated: December 23, 2013  
Received: December 27, 2013

Dear Ms. Hemeon-Heyer:

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: CDRIH 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**

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Device Name  
EPAD

*Indications for Use (Describe)*

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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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