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Re: K143471  
Trade/Device Name: VERTEX® Reconstruction System  
Regulatory Class: Unclassified  
Product Code: NKG, KWP  
Dated: December 1, 2014  
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Dear Mr. Grant:

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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If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). For questions regarding the reporting of adverse events under the MDR regulation (21 CFR Part 803), please go to

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/ReportaProblem/default.htm> for the CDRH's Office of Surveillance and Biometrics/Division of Postmarket Surveillance.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K143471

Device Name  
VERTEX® Reconstruction System

### Indications for Use (Describe)

The VERTEX® Reconstruction System is intended to provide immobilization and stabilization of spinal segments as an adjunct to fusion for the following acute and chronic instabilities of the craniocervical junction, the cervical spine (C1 to C7) and the thoracic spine from T1-T3: traumatic spinal fractures and/or traumatic dislocations; instability or deformity; failed previous fusions (e.g., pseudarthrosis); tumors involving the cervical spine; and degenerative disease, including intractable radiculopathy and/or myelopathy, neck and/or arm pain of discogenic origin as confirmed by radiographic studies, and degenerative disease of the facets with instability. The VERTEX® Reconstruction System is also intended to restore the integrity of the spinal column even in the absence of fusion for a limited time period in patients with advanced stage tumors involving the cervical spine in whom life expectancy is of insufficient duration to permit achievement of fusion.

In order to achieve additional levels of fixation, the VERTEX® Reconstruction System may be connected to the CD HORIZON® Spinal System rods with the VERTEX® rod connectors. Transition rods with differing diameters may also be used to connect the VERTEX® Reconstruction System to the CD HORIZON® Spinal System. Refer to the CD HORIZON® Spinal System package insert for a list of the CD HORIZON® Spinal System indications of use.

### 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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**VERTEX® Reconstruction System**  
**510(k) Summary – K143471**  
**November 2014**

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**Proprietary Trade Name:** VERTEX® Reconstruction System

**Regulatory Identification/  
Classification:** Orthosis, Cervical Pedicle Screw Spinal Fixation  
Product Code: NKG  
Unclassified, Pre-Amendment

Spinal Interlaminar Fixation Orthosis  
Regulation Number: 888.3050  
Product Code: KWP  
Class II

**Description:** The subject VERTEX® Reconstruction System is a posterior system, which consists of a variety of shapes and sizes of rods, screws, hooks, and connecting components, which can be rigidly locked to the rod in a variety of configurations, with each construct being tailor-made for the individual case. Titanium ATLAS® Cable may be used with this system at the surgeon's discretion.

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**Summary of the Technological Characteristics:** The subject VERTEX® Reconstruction System has a similar fundamental scientific technology as the predicate AXIS® Fixation System (primary predicate) and is identical to the VERTEX® Reconstruction System (reference device). The subject device utilizes equivalent surgical approaches, implant materials, surgical instruments and sterilization methods as the predicate AXIS® device.

**Identification of Legally Marketed Devices:** The subject VERTEX® Reconstruction System is substantially equivalent to the predicate cervical spinal system – the AXIS® Fixation System (primary predicate) cleared by the FDA in K062254 (SE 06/16/08). The subject device is also equivalent to the previously cleared VERTEX® devices most recently cleared in K123906 (SE 04/01/2013) and in K123568 (SE 02/25/13) with respect to the implants used to create the constructs utilized for the indications sought. The earlier VERTEX® Reconstruction System clearances are noted for reference purposes only and not as a predicate device for this application.

**Discussion of Supporting Retrospective Clinical Data and Non-Clinical Testing:**

Retrospective clinical data provided in support of this application along with the published clinical outcomes of additional patients treated with the VERTEX® device for the indications sought, demonstrates the subject device is substantially equivalent to the AXIS® Fixation System when used to treat the aforementioned indications. Mechanical testing was also provided to support a substantial equivalence determination of the subject VERTEX® Reconstruction System. Testing consisted of the following:

Unblocked Compression Fatigue and Static Compression Testing of Multi-Axial Screws (MAS) – ASTM F1717

Semi-Blocked Torsion Fatigue and Static Torsion Testing of Occipital Cervical Module with MAS – ASTM F2706

**Conclusion:** The design features, materials used, indications for use, surgical approach, manufacturing methods and sterilization methods are substantially equivalent to the previously cleared AXIS® Fixation System. The mechanical testing and clinical data provided demonstrate the substantial equivalence of the subject VERTEX® Reconstruction System compared to the predicate AXIS® Fixation System.