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Re: K152253

Trade/Device Name: Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3030  
Regulation Name: Single/multiple component metallic bone fixation appliances and accessories  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: HRS, HWC  
Dated: February 23, 2016  
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Dear Ms. Jasper:

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.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Parts 801); medical device reporting (reporting of medical device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803); good manufacturing practice requirements as set

forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

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" (21CFR 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.

You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from 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>.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known): K152253

**Device Name:** Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System

**Indications for Use:** The Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System is indicated for use in the stabilization and fixation of fractures in the chest wall including sternal reconstructive surgical procedures, trauma, or planned osteotomies. The system may be used in normal and poor bone to promote union.

Prescription Use   xx    
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

AND/OR

Over-The-Counter Use \_\_\_\_\_  
(21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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## 510(k) Summary

Prepared March 22, 2016

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**Device Name:** Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System

### Device Classification:

Product Code	Device Name	Device Classification	Regulation Number	Regulation Description
HRS	Plate, Fixation, Bone	2	888.3030	Single/multiple component metallic bone fixation appliances and accessories
HWC	Screw, Fixation, Bone	2	888.3040	Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener

**Indications for Use:** The Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System is indicated for use in the stabilization and fixation of fractures in the chest wall including sternal reconstructive surgical procedures, trauma, or planned osteotomies. The system may be used in normal and poor bone to promote union.

**Contraindications:** 1. Spanning a midline sternotomy; 2. Active infection; 3. Foreign body sensitivity, where material sensitivity is suspected, testing is to be completed prior to implantation; 4. Patients with mental or neurologic conditions who are unwilling or incapable of following postoperative care instructions.

**Device Description:** The Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System is composed of metallic locking bone plates and locking screws that provide rigid fixation to fractures and osteotomies of the chest wall. These implants are available in multiple sizes and manufactured from Commercially Pure Titanium and Titanium Alloy (Ti-6Al-4V).

### Predicate Devices:

K142823, Biomet Microfixation Thoracic Fixation System

K151173, Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System

**Similarities to Predicate Devices:** The predicate and subject devices are metallic implants intended to be used for the fixation of bone in the thoracic anatomy. The indications for use are identical for the predicate and subject devices. All implant systems consist of locking plates and locking screws to achieve rigid fixation of bone. The predicate and subject devices are manufactured from Commercially Pure Titanium and Titanium Alloy (Ti-6Al-4V).

**Non-Clinical Performance Data:** MRI simulation and physical testing were performed to support the MR Safety Information in the labeling.

**Clinical Performance Data:** Clinical testing was not necessary for the determination of substantial equivalence.

**Sterilization Information:** The implants are provided non-sterile to be sterilized by the end user.

**Substantial Equivalence:** The Biomet Microfixation RibFix Blu Thoracic Fixation System has the same indications for use as the predicate devices and utilizes similar design features and rigid fixation technology. The labeling has been updated to include MR Safety Information. It is therefore concluded that the subject devices are considered substantially equivalent to the predicate devices.