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Re: K152777

Trade/Device Name: Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4400  
Regulation Name: Electrosurgical cutting and coagulation device and accessories  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: GEI  
Dated: December 14, 2015  
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Dear Mr. Kunst:

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

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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)  
K152777

Device Name  
Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator

### Indications for Use (Describe)

This device is intended to be used for cutting, vaporization, and coagulation of soft tissue during arthroscopic surgical procedures. This device is intended to be used with a standard electrosurgical generator with footswitch control and a standard return electrode connection, and the electrode is to be activated only when immersed in a conductive media such as standard saline solution.

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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**510(k) SUMMARY****(Submitted As Required per 21 CFR 807.92)****GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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**DEVICE IDENTIFICATION:**

**Proprietary Name:** **Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator**

**Common Name:** Electrosurgical Generator Accessory

**Classification Name:** Electrosurgical Cutting and Coagulation Device and Accessories

**Model Numbers:**

<b>Catalog #</b>	<b>Description</b>
BA3350A	3.3mm Disposable Bipolar Ablator 50°, Aspirating
BA3350NA	3.3mm Disposable Bipolar Ablator 50°, Non-Aspirating

**Classification:** 21CFR 878.4400; Class II; Product Code GEI

**Legally Marketed  
Predicate Device(s):**

- K120791, K083306 ArthroCare SuperTurbo Vac 90, TurboVac 90, Super MultiVac 50, and Arthrowand Devices
- K992406 DePuy Synthes VAPR Suction Electrodes, 2.3mm
- K113545, K100638 DePuy Synthes CoolPulse 90 Electrode
- K122425 DePuy Synthes VAPR P50 Electrode

## **INTENDED USE/INDICATIONS**

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## **DEVICE DESCRIPTION**

The device is comprised of the following major components: an insulated handle, an active electrode, a length of aspiration tubing, a standard foot-switch RF connector, and a standard return connector. The hand piece is designed to connect to electrosurgical generators that feature a standard foot switch controlled monopolar connector and a standard return connector.

A stainless steel electrode tip is surrounded by a ceramic thermal insulator. The product is available in shaft diameters of 3.3mm and is available in aspirating and non-aspirating versions. The aspirating versions use suction to remove saline irrigant during the surgical procedure for the dissipation of heat and improved vision.

The device is available in electrode face angles of 50 degrees. There is a feature on the handle that lets the operator easily determine the orientation of the active electrode face. The wedge-shaped tapered tip allows access to difficult to reach locations. The working length is 160mm. The cable from the handle is 126" +/- 6" in length.

The device operates in bipolar mode. The return electrode is located on the device and does not require the use of an external grounding pad or return electrode. The device has a simple user interface that uses a footswitch to activate the device.

The primary difference between the Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator and the predicate device is that the Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator does not require the use of a dedicated electrosurgical generator but is compatible with standard electrosurgical generators.

The Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator has the same intended use and energy type as the predicate device. There are no technological differences, no changes to the principle of operation or the method of application.

## **PERFORMANCE TESTING**

Performance testing was completed to demonstrate substantial equivalence of the subject device to the predicate (K120791). The devices were subjected to the following verification and validation tests, as applicable:

### **Mechanical testing**

Mechanical verification testing was conducted for the proposed device to ensure compliance with mechanical requirements of IEC-60601-1, Edition 3.1, IEC 60601-2-2: 2009, and Bovie self-enforced requirements.

### **Electrical testing**

Electrical verification testing was conducted for the relevant components of the proposed device to ensure compliance with current electrical standard requirements.

#### **Electromagnetic compatibility**

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) testing has been completed for the applicable components of the proposed device. The results demonstrated compliance of the proposed device to current IEC 60601-1-2 standard requirements.

#### **Biocompatibility**

Biocompatibility verification was performed in accordance with requirements of ISO 10993-1 and FDA's modified ISO guidelines in accordance with FDA's blue book memorandum #G95-1 on biocompatibility

#### **Bench-top validation testing**

- **Visual Inspection & Electrical Continuity Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Meet general workmanship requirement. Pass electrical continuity test.
- **Mold Stress Relief Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to demonstrate : Any shrinkage or distortion of the molded thermoplastic components due to release of internal stresses caused by the molding operation does not result in an unacceptable risk.
- **Cable Strain (steady pull) Relief Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to demonstrate : The ablator cable and its connections are capable of withstanding mechanical stress from a steady pull
- **Cable Impulse Testing and Post-impulse continuity testing:**  
Testing was conducted to demonstrate : The ablator cable and its connections are capable of withstanding mechanical stress from an impulse of force.
- **Cable Flexure / Tension and Post-Flexure-testing Electrical Continuity Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Evaluate the integrity of the anchorage (fastening, termination) of electrical conductors and insulation by exercising the cable / cords by flexing and applying specified tension.
- **Drop Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Verify the ablator will not present a safety hazard as a result of a free fall onto a hard surface.
- **Front Panel Connection Verification Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Verify that Proximal End (brass sockets) of the ablator cable connects to a compatible generator.
- **Connector Insertion / Extraction Force Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Verify that the insertion / Extraction force for inserting / extracting ablator cable connector into or from a compatible generator is within specified range.
- **Measurement and Maximum Temperature During Use (Aspirating Model):**  
Testing was conducted to: Assess the maximum temperature that ablator handle can achieve during a worst case use scenario
- **Measurement and Maximum Temperature During Use (Non-Aspirating Model):**  
Testing was conducted to: Assess the maximum temperature that ablator handle can achieve during a worst case use scenario
- **Rigidity Testing of Handle and Shaft:**  
Testing was conducted to: Verify that handle of an ablator is able to support a static weight located at the distal position on the shaft without permanently deforming
- **Compatibility Verification Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Verify that the ablator is able to function as intended when connected to a compatible electrosurgical generators.

- **Aspiration Flow Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Verify aspiration flow rate under specific vacuum conditions.
- **Thermal Performance & clogging Testing:**  
Testing was conducted to: Verify the performance of the Bovie Disposable Bipolar RF Arthroscopic Ablator in terms of 1) thermal performance (the temperature of irrigation fluid near the active electrode during activation of a device); 2) tissue removal, 3) clogging, and 4) ignition delay
- **Thermal Performance Testing (Non-Aspirating ablator):**  
Testing was conducted to: Assess the fluid temperature near the active electrode during activation of an ablator. The electro-surgical generator is to be set at the maximum allowable power for ablator model in order to simulate the worst case scenario.

All test requirements were met as specified by applicable standards and the test protocols.

The Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator was designed in accordance with the following standards:

International Standard	Description
IEC-60601-1, Edition 3.1	Medical Electrical Equipment - Part 1: General Requirements For Safety
IEC 60601-1-2:2007	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances - Requirements and tests
IEC-60601-2-2 : 2009	Particular requirements for the safety of high frequency surgical equipment
ANSI / AAMI / ISO 10993-1:2009	Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices – Part 1: Evaluation and Testing
ANSI/AAMI/ISO 11135-1: 2007	Sterilization of Healthcare Products – Ethylene Oxide – Part 1: Requirements for the development, validation, and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices.
ANSI / AAMI / ISO 10993-7:2008	Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices – Part 7: Ethylene Oxide Residuals

**SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE SUMMARY**

<b>Feature/ Characteristic</b>	<b>Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator</b>	<b>ArthroCare SuperTurbo Vac, MultiVac</b>	<b>Depuy Synthes VAPR, CoolPulse</b>
<b>Intended Use</b>	Intended to be used for cutting, vaporization, and coagulation of soft tissue during arthroscopic surgical procedures.	Intended to be used for resection, ablation, and coagulation of soft tissue and hemostasis of blood vessels in arthroscopic and orthopedic procedures.	Intended for resection, ablation, excision of soft tissue, hemostasis of blood vessels and coagulation of soft tissue in patient requiring arthroscopic surgery
<b>Energy Type</b>	Radiofrequency	Radiofrequency	Radiofrequency
<b>Generator Compatibility</b>	To be used with a standard electro-surgical generator with footswitch control and a standard return electrode connection	Dedicated generator	Dedicated Generator
<b>Use only in Conductive Media</b>	The electrode is to be activated only when immersed in a conductive media such as standard saline solution	Same	Same
<b>Mode</b>	Bipolar	Bipolar	Bipolar
<b>User Interface</b>	Footswitch	Footswitch and Hand	Footswitch and Hand, CoolPulse available in Footswitch only
<b>Aspirating and Non-Aspirating Models</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Shaft Diameter</b>	3.3mm	3.75mm	3.7mm
<b>Electrode Face Angle</b>	50 degrees	50 degrees	50 degrees
<b>Working Length</b>	160mm	160mm	160mm

**CONCLUSION**

There is no difference between the Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator and the predicate devices in terms of intended use, principle of operation, and the technology used for device performance. The Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator was subjected to verification testing to confirm device performance. There is no new technology and no difference that would raise new or different questions of safety or efficacy. Comparative performance testing demonstrated the device performed as well as, or better than, the predicate device. The primary difference is that the Bovie Disposable Bipolar Ablator does not require the use of a dedicated electro-surgical generator but is compatible with standard electro-surgical generators.