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Re: K170141

Trade/Device Name: Freedom Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 882.5880  
Regulation Name: Implanted Spinal Cord Stimulator For Pain Relief  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: GZB  
Dated: March 31, 2017  
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Dear Elizabeth Greene:

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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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

K170141

Device Name

Freedom Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) System

Indications for Use (Describe)

The Freedom Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) System is intended as the sole mitigating agent, or as an adjunct to other modes of therapy used in a multidisciplinary approach for chronic, intractable pain of the trunk and/or lower limbs, including unilateral or bilateral pain. The Freedom-8A Trial Lead Kit is only used in conjunction with the Freedom-8A Stimulator Receiver Kit, and the Freedom-4A Trial Lead Kit is used for either the Receiver Kit Freedom-4A Stimulator or the Receiver Kit Freedom-8A Stimulator. The trial devices are solely used for trial stimulation (no longer than 30 days) to determine efficacy before recommendation for a permanent (long term) device.

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**  
**For Freedom Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) System**  
**K170141**

**1. Submission Sponsor**

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**2. Date Prepared**

January 13, 2017

**3. Device Identification**

|                            |                                                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Trade/Proprietary Name:    | Freedom Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) System      |
| Common/Usual Name:         | Spinal Cord Stimulator                           |
| Classification Name:       | Stimulator, Spinal-Cord, Implanted (Pain Relief) |
| Classification Regulation: | 882.5880                                         |
| Product Code:              | GZB                                              |
| Device Class:              | Class II                                         |
| Classification Panel:      | Neurology                                        |

**4. Legally Marketed Predicate Device(s)**

Stimwave Freedom SCS System FR8A/FR4A, PDBT-915-2A (K162161)

**5. Device Description**

This submission is identical to K162161, but includes summaries of performance testing to support MR Conditional labeling of the Freedom-8A SCS System. No modifications to the Freedom SCS System of K162161 were made in support of this submission.

The Stimwave Technologies Incorporated (Stimwave) Freedom Spinal Cord SCS System (System) is used for spinal column stimulation to provide therapeutic relief for chronic, intractable pain of the trunk and/or lower limbs including unilateral or bilateral pain. The therapy utilizes pulsed electrical current to create an energy field that acts on nerves near

the spinal column. The System is comprised of an implantable stimulator (Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator), receiver component (Receiver), and an externally worn transmitter (Wearable Antenna Assembly (WAA)) to power the device. The System is implanted only following a successful trial period with the Freedom-8A/4A Trial Lead.

#### **Freedom-8A and Freedom-4A Stimulator (Receiver Kit)**

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Freedom-8A Stimulator, | A polyurethane (Pellethane 55D) casing with an embedded receiver, flexible circuit board and electrodes (Platinum Iridium 90:10) that is placed in the patient's epidural space. The Freedom-8A Stimulator has eight (8) electrodes, and the Freedom-4A Stimulator has four (4) electrodes. Identical to K162161. |
| Freedom-4A Stimulator  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Receiver               | A copper and PEEK cable with dual couplers; placed within the center lumen of the Freedom-8A or Freedom-4A Stimulator with the distal end combination of Receiver and Stimulator being placed under the skin. Two (2) Receivers are provided with each kit. Identical to K162161.                                 |
| Stylet(s)              | A stainless steel wire with a polypropylene handle that is inserted into the open central lumen of the stimulator to provide rigidity during implantation. Two (2) stylets are provided in the Receiver Kit, one straight and one bent, each with diameter of 0.30 mm. Identical to K162161.                      |
| Needle                 | A 13-gauge stainless steel needle that acts as a conduit for passage of the Stimulator into the epidural space. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Guidewire              | A stainless steel, rigid, solid core guidewire used to create a hollow pathway in the epidural space for the Stimulator to pass through easily. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                                             |
| Suture Sleeve Cap      | A polyurethane (Pellethane 55D) cap that is placed over the proximal end of the Stimulator. The Suture Sleeve Cap is attached to the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator and can be sutured to tissue to reduce the possibility of device migration. Identical to K162161.                                                   |

#### **Wearable Antenna Assembly (WAA Kit)**

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| WAA | The WAA housing includes the following components:<br>A. <u>Microwave Field Stimulator (MFS)</u> – A printed circuit board (PCB) that generates RF power with embedded waveform parameter settings and switches for changing parameter settings as needed by the user. Identical to K162161;<br>B. <u>Switch Membrane</u> – An elastomeric silicon rubber pad that corresponds to switches on the MFS that allows the user to turn the device on/off or increase or decrease power amplitude as well as interpret device power status (On, Off, Charging, Transmitting, and Bluetooth® Connection). Identical to K162161;<br>C. <u>Battery Assembly</u> – A battery and wire assembly for charging and the MFS for power delivery. Identical to K162161.<br><u>Transmitting (Tx) Antenna Assembly</u> – An antenna and coaxial cable assembly that is attached to the WAA that is used to transmit microwave energy to the implanted Stimulator. Identical to K162161. |
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#### **Charger Kit**

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| Battery Charger | An off-the-shelf battery charger that uses a power adapter and USB to micro-USB cable to recharge the encased lithium ion battery of the WAA. Identical to K162161. |
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#### **Freedom-8A and Freedom-4A Spare Lead (Spare Lead Kit)**

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| Freedom-8A Spare Lead, | A polyurethane (Pellethane 55D) casing with an embedded receiver, flexible circuit board and electrodes (Platinum Iridium 90:10) that is placed in the |
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| Freedom-4A Spare Lead | patient's epidural space. The Freedom-8A Spare Lead has eight (8) electrodes, and the Freedom-4A Spare Lead has four (4) electrodes. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                                     |
| RF Stylet             | A copper and PEEK cable with dual couplers; placed within the center lumen of the Freedom-8A or Freedom-4A Spare Lead with the distal end combination of RF Stylet and Spare Lead being placed under the skin. Two (2) RF Stylets are provided with each kit. Identical to K162161.            |
| Stylet(s)             | A stainless steel wire with a polypropylene handle that is inserted into the open central lumen of the stimulator to provide rigidity during implantation. Two (2) stylets are provided in the Spare Lead Kit, one straight and one bent, each with diameter of 0.30 mm. Identical to K162161. |
| Needle                | A 13-gauge stainless steel needle that acts as a conduit for passage of the Spare Lead into the epidural space. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                                                          |
| Guidewire             | A stainless steel, rigid, solid core guidewire used to create a hollow pathway in the epidural space for the Spare Lead to pass through easily. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                          |
| Suture Sleeve Cap     | A polyurethane (Pellethane 55D) cap that is placed over the proximal end of the Stimulator. The Suture Sleeve Cap is attached to the Freedom-8A/4A Spare Lead and can be sutured to tissue to reduce the possibility of device migration. Identical to K162161.                                |

#### **Freedom-8A and Freedom-4A Trial Lead (Trial Lead Kit)**

|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Freedom-8A Trial Lead, Freedom-4A Trial Lead | A polyurethane (Pellethane 55D) casing with an embedded receiver, flexible circuit board and electrodes (Platinum Iridium 90:10) that is placed percutaneously in the patient's epidural space. The Freedom-8A Trial Lead has eight (8) electrodes, and the Freedom-4A Trial Lead has four (4) electrodes. Identical to K162161. |
| RF Stylet                                    | A copper and PEEK cable with dual couplers; placed within the center lumen of the Freedom-8A or Freedom-4A Trial Lead with the distal end combination of RF Stylet and Trial Lead being placed under the skin. Two (2) RF Stylets are provided with each kit. Identical to K162161.                                              |
| Stylet(s)                                    | A stainless steel wire with a polypropylene handle that is inserted into the open central lumen of the stimulator to provide rigidity during implantation. Two (2) stylets are provided in the Trial Lead Kit, one straight and one bent with a diameter of 0.30 mm. Identical to K162161.                                       |
| Needle                                       | A 13-gauge stainless steel needle that acts as a conduit for passage of the Trial Lead into the epidural space. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Guidewire                                    | A stainless steel, rigid, solid core guidewire used to create a hollow pathway in the epidural space for the Trial Lead to pass through more easily. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                                                       |

#### **Sterile Revision Kit**

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| Stylet(s) | A stainless steel wire with a polypropylene handle that is inserted into the open central lumen of the stimulator to provide rigidity during implantation. Two (2) stylets are provided in the Sterile Revision Kit, one straight and one bent with a diameter of 0.30 mm. Identical to K162161. |
| Needle    | A 13-gauge stainless steel needle that acts as a conduit for passage of the Stimulator/Lead into the epidural space. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                                                       |
| Guidewire | A stainless steel, rigid, solid core guidewire used to create a hollow pathway in the epidural space for the Stimulator/Lead to pass through easily. Identical to K162161.                                                                                                                       |

## 6. Indication for Use Statement

The Freedom Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS) System is intended as the sole mitigating agent, or as an adjunct to other modes of therapy used in a multidisciplinary approach for chronic, intractable pain of the trunk and/or lower limbs, including unilateral or bilateral pain. The Freedom-8A Trial Lead Kit is only used in conjunction with the Freedom-8A Stimulator Receiver Kit, and the Freedom-4A Trial Lead Kit is used for either the Receiver Kit Freedom-4A Stimulator or the Receiver Kit Freedom-8A Stimulator. The trial devices are solely used for trial stimulation (no longer than 30 days) to determine efficacy before recommendation for a permanent (long term) device.

## 7. Substantial Equivalence Discussion

The following table compares the Stimwave Freedom SCS System to the predicate device with respect to intended use, technological characteristics and principles of operation, providing more detailed information regarding the basis for the determination of substantial equivalence.

**Table 5A. Comparison of Characteristics**

| Comparator               | Stimwave Freedom SCS System<br>(Predicate - K162161)                                                                                                                               | Stimwave Freedom SCS System<br>(Subject device) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Product Code             | GZB                                                                                                                                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Regulation No.           | 882.5880                                                                                                                                                                           | Same as K162161                                 |
| Regulation Name          | Stimulator, Spinal-Cord,<br>Implanted (Pain Relief)                                                                                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Intended Use             | Stimulation of spinal cord for<br>chronic, intractable pain of trunk and<br>lower limbs                                                                                            | Same as K162161                                 |
| Mode of Action           | RF wireless transmission of energy<br>to produce stimulation at<br>Stimulator electrodes. WAA sends<br>a pulsed RF signal on a carrier<br>frequency of 915MHz to the<br>Stimulator | Same as K162161                                 |
| Implant Site             | Epidural space, L5 to T5                                                                                                                                                           | Same as K162161                                 |
| Environmental Use        | Hospital, Home                                                                                                                                                                     | Same as K162161                                 |
| Intended Clinician       | Orthopedic, Neurosurgeon,<br>Anesthesiologist                                                                                                                                      | Same as K162161                                 |
| Intended User            | Layperson                                                                                                                                                                          | Same as K162161                                 |
| Electrode Material       | Platinum-iridium 90:10                                                                                                                                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Stimulator Body Material | Polyurethane 2363-55D                                                                                                                                                              | Same as K162161                                 |
| Cable Features           | Multi-lumen Tube                                                                                                                                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Stimulator Length        | 45 centimeters                                                                                                                                                                     | Same as K162161                                 |
| Diameter                 | 1.35 millimeters                                                                                                                                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Electrode Array Length   | 24.0 millimeters<br>52.0 millimeters                                                                                                                                               | Same as K162161                                 |
| No. of Electrodes        | 4 or 8                                                                                                                                                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Electrode Length         | 3.0 millimeters                                                                                                                                                                    | Same as K162161                                 |
| Electrode Spacing        | 4.0 millimeters                                                                                                                                                                    | Same as K162161                                 |
| Electrode Surface Area   | 12.72 mm <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                              | Same as K162161                                 |
| Method of Introduction   | Percutaneous and Anchor Incision                                                                                                                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Tissue Contact           | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Sterilization            | Ethylene Oxide (EO)                                                                                                                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Labeling                 | Labeled as Sterile, Single Use,<br>Prescription Device                                                                                                                             | Same as K162161                                 |

| Comparator                               | Stimwave Freedom SCS System<br>(Predicate - K162161)                      | Stimwave Freedom SCS System<br>(Subject device) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Package                                  | Backer card and two sterile pouches                                       | Same as K162161                                 |
| Pulse Frequency                          | 5 to 1500 Hertz                                                           | Same as K162161                                 |
| Pulse Width                              | 50 to 500 microseconds                                                    | Same as K162161                                 |
| Current/Voltage Regulated                | Current                                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Output Voltage (300 $\Omega$ )           | 0 to 4.1 V                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Output Voltage (500 $\Omega$ )           | 0 to 6.4 V                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Output Voltage (800 $\Omega$ )           | 0 to 7.5 V                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Output Current (300 $\Omega$ )           | 0 to 13.5 mA                                                              | Same as K162161                                 |
| Output Current (500 $\Omega$ )           | 0 to 12.8 mA                                                              | Same as K162161                                 |
| Output Current (800 $\Omega$ )           | 0 to 9.4 mA                                                               | Same as K162161                                 |
| Waveform                                 | Charge Balanced (delayed)<br>Biphasic asymmetrical                        | Same as K162161                                 |
| Polarity                                 | Programmable<br>(Anode, Cathode, or Off)                                  | Same as K162161                                 |
| Pulse Shape                              | Decaying Exponential                                                      | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Current Density (300 $\Omega$ )     | 105.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>                                                  | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Current Density (500 $\Omega$ )     | 95.1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Current Density (800 $\Omega$ )     | 69.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Phase Charge* (300 $\Omega$ )       | 6.8 $\mu$ C/pulse                                                         | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Phase Charge* (500 $\Omega$ )       | 6.4 $\mu$ C/pulse                                                         | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Phase Charge* (800 $\Omega$ )       | 4.7 $\mu$ C/pulse                                                         | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Charge Density* (300 $\Omega$ )     | 53.1 $\mu$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>                                              | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Charge Density* (500 $\Omega$ )     | 50.3 $\mu$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>                                              | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Charge Density* (800 $\Omega$ )     | 36.9 $\mu$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>                                              | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Current Density* (300 $\Omega$ )    | 106.1 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>                                                  | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Current Density* (500 $\Omega$ )    | 100.6 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>                                                  | Same as K162161                                 |
| Max. Current Density* (800 $\Omega$ )    | 73.9 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Net Charge                               | 0 $\mu$ C                                                                 | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Phase Power (300 $\Omega$ )         | 0.053 W/phase                                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Phase Power (500 $\Omega$ )         | 0.073 W/phase                                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Phase Power (800 $\Omega$ )         | 0.062 W/phase                                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Phase Power Density (300 $\Omega$ ) | 0.42 W/cm <sup>2</sup> /phase                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Phase Power Density (500 $\Omega$ ) | 0.58 W/cm <sup>2</sup> /phase                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Avg. Phase Power Density (800 $\Omega$ ) | 0.48 W/cm <sup>2</sup> /phase                                             | Same as K162161                                 |
| Pulse Delivery Mode                      | Continuous                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| ON/OFF Times                             | No Cycling                                                                | Same as K162161                                 |
| Current Path Options                     | Bipolar                                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Power Delivery                           | Embedded receiver and coupled receiver in lumen of Stimulator body        | Same as K162161                                 |
| Transmit Frequency                       | 915 MHz                                                                   | Same as K162161                                 |
| Material                                 | Platinum-iridium 90:10,<br>Polyurethane 2363-55D                          | Same as K162161                                 |
| Sterile                                  | Yes - ethylene oxide                                                      | Same as K162161                                 |
| Contract Sterilizer                      | Steris Isomedix Services                                                  | Same as K162161                                 |
| Single-Use                               | Yes                                                                       | Same as K162161                                 |
| Shelf Life                               | 2 year                                                                    | Same as K162161                                 |
| Complies with ISO 10993-1                | Yes                                                                       | Same as K162161                                 |
| Safety Testing Passed                    | Yes                                                                       | Same as K162161                                 |
| MR Conditional                           | No, MR Unsafe                                                             | Yes                                             |
| Accessories                              | Receiver/RF Stylet, Stylet(s),<br>Guidewire, Needle, Suture Sleeve<br>Cap | Same as K162161                                 |
| Charger                                  | USB Charger                                                               | Same as K162161                                 |
| Wearable Antenna Assembly                | Aluminum transmitter and                                                  | Same as K162161                                 |

| Comparator                | Stimwave Freedom SCS System<br>(Predicate - K162161)                                     | Stimwave Freedom SCS System<br>(Subject device) |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                           | separate, connected Antenna                                                              |                                                 |
| Software Level of Concern | Moderate                                                                                 | Same as K162161                                 |
| iPad Application          | WaveCrest™                                                                               | Same as K162161                                 |
| Kits                      | Receiver Kit, Spare Lead Kit, Trial Lead Kit, Sterile Revision Kit, WAA Kit, Charger Kit | Same as K162161                                 |

(\*) asterisk denotes that formulas were used for the calculations.

## 8. Biocompatibility Data

Materials of this submission are identical to K162161. The materials of the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator in direct contact with tissue remain unchanged from the Freedom SCS System (K162161) and thus, the biocompatibility tests conducted on representative subassemblies of the Freedom SCS System (Freedom-4, K141399) directly apply to the Freedom SCS System (K162161, and this submission). The materials, construction and intended use of the Freedom SCS System is comparable to the predicate device, and have a long history of safety with respect to biocompatibility. The biological safety of the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator (same as the Freedom-4 Stimulator) was evaluated in accordance to ISO 10993-1:2009 and guidance document Blue Book Memorandum G95-1 *Use of International Standard ISO-10993, and Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices: Part 1: Evaluation and Testing*. Under these, for the stated indications for use, the device was classified as a (C), implant device in contact with tissue/bone. The results for the biocompatible testing of the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator (same as the Freedom-4 Stimulator) for cytotoxicity, sensitization, irritation or intracutaneous reactivity, acute systemic toxicity, genotoxicity, implantation (4, 8, and 13 weeks), and subchronic toxicity demonstrated no negative impacts from the materials that are used in the Freedom SCS System. The Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator materials in direct tissue contact include Pellethane 55D (Stimulator) and Pt-Ir (90:10) (Stimulator only), both having an extensive record (previously cleared and approved) of chronic and carcinogenetic safety. The Receiver/RF Stylet is never in direct or indirect contact with tissue. The WAA is intended to be on top of a thin shirt or article of clothing around the midsection of the patient. The User Manual provided to the patient describes that the WAA should always be worn on top of a layer of clothing. The WAA does not come into contact with the patient's skin. The categorization by nature of body contact of the WAA is thus "non-contacting device", and not included in the scope of ISO 10993-1:2009. The Freedom SCS System meets biological safety and compatibility requirements of ISO 10993-1:2009 and Blue Book Memorandum G95-1.

## 9. Non-Clinical Performance Data

No modifications to the Freedom SCS System of K162161 were made in support of this submission. The Freedom SCS System was tested to verify that the performance meets the system design requirements as well as all applicable voluntary standards. The Freedom SCS System complies with all design requirements and applicable voluntary standards.

**AAMI ANSI ISO 14708-3:2008** – For protection from temperature change including shipping and storage temperature ranges, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator was functional,

receiving a safe rating following post visual inspection and passed the change of temperature testing performed as specified by AAMI ANSI ISO 14708-3:2008. For atmospheric pressure change, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator were functional following post testing functionality inspection and passed atmospheric pressure change testing as specified by AAMI ANSI ISO 14708-3:2008. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161 and K150517, and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the packaging and the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator remains the same. The Receiver/RF Stylet is a passive component that does not impact the outcome of the leveraged tests for safety and effectiveness.

For testing external defibrillation exposure, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator and Receiver were verified as functional after exposure to external defibrillation. Thus, the Freedom SCS System complies with testing as specified by AAMI ANSI ISO 14708-3:2008. The Receiver/RF Stylet testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K160600 and K162161, and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as Receiver/RF Stylet remains the same.

Following the thermal shock testing, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator was found to have “no irreversible damage” and fully functional as specified by the manufacturer, and to have no physical anomalies present at the time of inspection. Thus, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator comply with the thermal shock design requirements and the applicable standard. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161, and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator remains the same. The Receiver/RF Stylet is a passive component that does not impact the outcome of the leveraged tests for safety and effectiveness.

For leakage current testing, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator was produced zero leakage current on all tested paths for all tested samples. Thus, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator comply with the leakage design requirements and the applicable standard. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161, and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator remains the same. The Receiver/RF Stylet is a passive component that does not impact the outcome of the leveraged tests for safety and effectiveness.

For testing the insertion and withdrawal of the stylet within the Stimulator, the stylet was found to require less than 2.5N of insertion or withdrawal force for all tested stylets in all tested stimulator samples. For testing the insertion and withdrawal of the Receiver within the Stimulator, the Receiver/RF Stylet was found to require less than 2.2N of insertion or withdrawal force for all tested stylets in all tested stimulator samples. Visual inspection confirmed no damage was present in any stimulator samples. Thus, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator and Receiver/RF Stylet comply with design specifications for stylet insertion and withdrawal force. The Stimulator testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161, and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator remains the same. The Receiver/RF Stylet testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161, and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as Receiver/RF Stylet remains the same.

For mechanical testing, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator passed all criteria of the test,

showing no visible damage to the stimulator body or functional damage to the components. Mechanical testing included tensile testing, flex testing and torsion testing. Thus, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator comply with all stimulator mechanical design requirements. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161, and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator remains the same. The Receiver/RF Stylet is a passive component that does not impact the outcome of the leveraged tests for safety and effectiveness.

For magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) radio frequency (RF) induced heating as related to specific absorbance rate (SAR), the Freedom-8A Stimulator produced a maximum temperature increase lower than the allowable limit for the 1.5T and 3T MRI procedure and thus passed the 1.5T and 3T testing. The Freedom-8A Stimulator produced a maximum temperature increase lower than the allowable limit for the 1.5T and 3T MRI procedure and thus passed both.

**ASTM F2182-11a** – In accordance with F2182-11a – American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard Test Method for Measurement of Radio Frequency Induced Heating Near Passive Implants During Magnetic Resonance Imaging, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator showed that its presence would not cause injury to the patient with the implant during an MRI procedure. The Freedom-8A Stimulator is a passive implant that is not powered while the external unit is not transmitting to it.

**ASTM F2119-07** – In accordance with F2119-07 – American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard Test Method for Evaluation of MR Image Artifacts from Passive Implants, the Freedom-8A Stimulator showed that it does not produce image artifacts in 1.5T or 3T MRI procedures.

**ASTM F2052-06** – In accordance with F2052-06 – The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Designation Standard Test Method for Measurement of Magnetically Induced Displacement Force on Medical Devices in the Magnetic Resonance Environment, the Freedom-8A Stimulator showed that it does not harm the patient due to its displacement by forces induced by 1.5T or 3T MRI exposure. The Freedom-8A Stimulator passes the ASTM acceptance criteria for deflection angle in a 1.5T and 3T MRI system. The Freedom-8A Stimulator will not present an additional risk or hazard to a patient when used in their tested MR environment

**ASTM F2213-06** – In accordance with F2213-06 – American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard Test Method for Measurement of Magnetically Induced Torque on Passive Implants in the Magnetic Resonance Environment, the Freedom-8A/4A Stimulator must show that it does not harm the patient due to its torque by forces induced by MRI exposure. The Freedom-8A Stimulator will not present an additional risk or hazard to a patient in the 1.5T MRI or 3T environments or less with regard to torque.

The stimulation waveforms following post-exposure showed no component damage had occurred after MR exposure. During testing, no component damage was observed in any waveform. Based on these test results, the Freedom-8A Stimulator will be fully functional following standard 1.5T or 3T MR procedures and its performance or

functionality is not affected by such exposures.

**IEC 60601-1** – The WAA was tested for compliance with IEC 60601-1. For testing the WAA for protection from temperature change, including shipping and storage temperature ranges, the WAA met the passing criteria of both of the visual and functional inspections following the testing. It showed no physical damage and was fully operational. Thus, the WAA of the Freedom SCS System satisfies the outlined protection from temperature change design requirements and the applicable standard, IEC 60601-1. For atmospheric pressure change testing, the WAA met the passing criteria of both of the visual and functional inspections following the testing. It showed no physical damage and was fully operational. Thus, the WAA of the Freedom SCS System satisfies the outlined atmospheric pressure change design requirements and the applicable standard, IEC 60601-1. For the push, drop, impact and mold stress relief testing of the WAA, it was determined through testing that the WAA is robust to withstand expected damage in accordance with general safety standards. The WAA met the passing criteria of both of the visual and functional inspections following the testing. It showed no physical damage and was fully operational. Thus, the WAA component of the Freedom-8A/4A SCS System satisfies the outlined push, drop, impact, and mold stress relief design requirements and the applicable standard, IEC 60601-1. For the identification, marking and documents of the WAA it was determined through an analysis of the labeling that the WAA complies with the requirements of the standard. All requirements and markings are clearly identified and viewable either from the external case of the product or from within the accompanying documents. For the means of protection, creepage distances, and air clearances of the WAA it was determined through an analysis of the design that the system satisfies the requirements of the applicable standard, IEC 60601-1. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161 and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the WAA remains the same.

**IEC 60529** – The WAA was tested for compliance with IEC 60529. For testing the ingress of water, the WAA met the passing criteria of both of the visual and functional inspections following the testing. It showed no physical damage and was fully operational. Thus, the WAA component of the Freedom SCS System satisfies the outlined Ingress of Water design requirements and the applicable standard IEC 60529. For particulate matter testing, the WAA met the passing criteria of both of the visual and functional inspections following the testing. It showed no physical damage and was fully operational. Thus, the WAA component of the Freedom SCS System satisfies the outlined Particulate Matter design requirements and the applicable standard, IEC 60529. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161 and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the WAA remains the same.

**IEC 60601-1-2** – The WAA was tested for compliance with IEC 60601-1-2. For testing the WAA for electromagnetic compatibility, the unit met all acceptance criteria for emissions, low-frequency magnetic fields, immunity, electrostatic discharge, radiated RF electromagnetic fields, electrical fast transients and bursts, and magnetic fields. The WAA operated within all test limits and showed no physical damage and was fully operational. Thus, the WAA for the Freedom SCS System satisfies the IEC 60601-1-2 standard. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161 and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the WAA remains

the same.

The Freedom SCS System complies with the applicable standards for neurostimulators, electrical safety, electromagnetic interference and compatibility, biocompatibility, packaging, and sterilization. The software of the Freedom SCS System passed all verification tests outlined and the design requirements for Software Verification have been met. The device passed all the testing in accordance with national and international standards. This testing presented for this submission is leveraged from K162161 and is directly applicable for demonstration of device safety and efficacy as the Freedom SCS System remains the same.

Following performance testing, it has been determined that the Freedom SCS System is substantially equivalent to legally marketed predicate devices for the therapy for chronic, intractable pain of the trunk and/or lower limbs, including unilateral or bilateral pain.

Due to the similarities between the legally marketed predicate device (K162161), and the Freedom SCS System (this submission), Stimwave Technologies Incorporated has leveraged applicable performance testing in addition to completed a number of tests that demonstrates substantial equivalence to the legally marketed predicate devices. The Freedom SCS System meets all the requirements for overall design, sterilization, biocompatibility, and electrical safety confirms that the output meets the design inputs and specifications. The Freedom SCS System passed all testing stated above as shown by the acceptable results obtained.

## **10. Clinical Performance Data**

There was no clinical testing required to support the medical device, as the indications for use are equivalent to the legally marketed predicate devices. These types of devices, including the legally marketed predicate devices, have been on the market for many years with a proven safety and efficacy for the use of the device. The non-clinical testing detailed in this submission supports the substantial equivalence of the device.

## **11. Statement of Substantial Equivalence**

By definition, a device is substantially equivalent to legally marketed predicate devices when the device has the same intended use and the same technological characteristics as the previously cleared predicate device. The Freedom SCS System has the same intended use as the legally marketed predicates device and is implanted percutaneous into the epidural space ranging from T5 to L5. Performance tested verified that the Freedom SCS System complies with all applicable voluntary standards such as IEC 60601-1, AAMI ANSI ISO 14708-3, and IEC 60529. The Freedom SCS System also meets the design requirements where no applicable standard could be used. This included Receiver/RF Stylet performance testing, stimulator body durability testing, programmable parameters, as well as power and performance of the WAA. There were no recognized performance standards for this device. There was no clinical testing performed on this device since performance testing demonstrated similar performance as the legally marketed predicate device, and materials for the implanted stimulator are the same as the legally marketed predicate device.

It has been shown in this 510(k) submission that the differences between the Freedom SCS System and the legally marketed predicate device do not raise any questions regarding its safety and effectiveness as compared to legally marketed predicate device. Freedom SCS System, as designed and manufactured, is determined to be substantially equivalent to the referenced legally marketed predicate device.