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Re: K190047

Trade/Device Name: StimRouter Neuromodulation System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 882.5870  
Regulation Name: Implanted Peripheral Nerve Stimulator For Pain Relief  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: GZF  
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Dear Sageev George:

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. Although this letter refers to your product as a device, please be aware that some cleared products may instead be combination products. The 510(k) Premarket Notification Database located at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfpmn/pmn.cfm> identifies combination product submissions. 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 Part

801); medical device reporting (reporting of medical device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803) for devices or postmarketing safety reporting (21 CFR 4, Subpart B) for combination products (see <https://www.fda.gov/combination-products/guidance-regulatory-information/postmarketing-safety-reporting-combination-products>); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820) for devices or current good manufacturing practices (21 CFR 4, Subpart A) for combination products; and, if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

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For comprehensive regulatory information about medical devices and radiation-emitting products, including information about labeling regulations, please see Device Advice (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance>) and CDRH Learn (<https://www.fda.gov/training-and-continuing-education/cdrh-learn>). Additionally, you may contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE) to ask a question about a specific regulatory topic. See the DICE website (<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/contact-us-division-industry-and-consumer-education-dice>) for more information or contact DICE by email ([DICE@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov)) or phone (1-800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100).

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K190047

Device Name  
StimRouter Neuromodulation System

### Indications for Use (Describe)

The StimRouter Neuromodulation System is indicated for pain management in adults who have severe intractable chronic pain of peripheral nerve origin, as an adjunct to other modes of therapy (e.g., medications). The StimRouter is not intended to treat pain in the craniofacial region.

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**

This summary of 510(k) safety and effectiveness information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 21 CFR §807.92:

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**II. Name of Device**

**Device Trade Name:** StimRouter Neuromodulation System  
**Classification Name:** Implantable peripheral nerve stimulator for pain relief  
**Common Name:** Implantable Neurostimulator  
**Product Code:** GZF  
**Regulation Number:** 21 CFR §882.5870  
**Device Class:** Class II  
**Panel Identification:** Neurology

**III. Predicate Device**

**Predicate Manufacturer:** Bioness Inc.  
**Predicate Trade Name:** StimRouter Neuromodulation System  
**Predicate 510(k):** K142432

**Reference Devices:**

**Predicate Manufacturer:** Medtronic  
**Predicate Trade Name:** PNS  
**Predicate 510(k):** K904409/A, K920567, K982902

**Predicate Manufacturer:** ANS  
**Predicate Trade Name:** Renew  
**Predicate 510(k):** K000582

#### **IV. Device Description**

The StimRouter Neuromodulation System consists of two main parts – the implantable lead, and the external (to the body) accessories. Accessories for the StimRouter include a clinician programmer with software (CPS), a patient programmer, disposable hydrogel electrode patch, external pulse transmitter (EPT), and an EPT stimulation tester (EPTT).

The Bioness StimRouter Neuromodulation System is intended to provide electrical stimulation via an implanted lead to a target peripheral nerve, for aid in the management of severe, intractable, chronic pain of peripheral nerve origin in adults, as an adjunct to other modes of therapy (e.g. medications). The StimRouter is not intended to treat pain in the craniofacial region.

The complete StimRouter System consists of three kits: A Lead and Lead Introducer Kit, a Clinician Kit and User Kit. The Lead Kit contains the StimRouter implantable multi-electrode lead with integrated receiver, used for peripheral nerve stimulation. The Lead receives an electrical signal transmitted transcutaneously by the EPT which is mounted on an electrode patch on the skin and delivers that electrical signal down the lead's length to a target peripheral nerve. The Lead is supplied in Lead Loader that is used during intraoperative testing of the lead and to verify proper placement during implantation.

The Lead and lead Introducer Kit consists of two stimulation probes, two stimulation cables, and introducer set, a lead adapter, a Tunneling Needle and a Tunneling Needle Stylet. The included tools and components allow for insertion of the StimRouter Lead and confirmation of optimal location of the stimulation electrode contacts of the StimRouter Lead.

The Clinician Kit is used for the programming of the StimRouter patient programmer and the EPT. The components of the Clinician Kit are a tablet PC with programming software and the accessories for connecting to the Patient Programmer and the EPT.

The User Kit contains the patient-use components of the StimRouter System. The components are the Patient Programmer and the EPT. After the EPT is programmed, the StimRouter electrode interfaces with the EPT and function to delivery stimulation to the implanted lead receiver.

#### **V. Indications for Use**

The StimRouter Neuromodulation System is indicated for pain management in adults who have severe intractable chronic pain of peripheral nerve origin, as an adjunct to other modes of therapy (e.g., medications). The StimRouter is not intended to treat pain in the craniofacial region.

## VI. Comparison of Technological Characteristics

The subject device is a modified version of the StimRouter Neuromodulation System previously cleared in K142432. A comparison of the technological characteristics of the two is presented below:

### Predicate Device Comparison

	<b>Subject Device (Modified StimRouter)</b>	<b>Predicate (Original StimRouter)</b>	<b>Equivalency Assessment</b>
Manufacturer	Bioness Inc.	Bioness Inc.	<b>Same</b>
510(k) number	To be Determined	K142432	-
Intended use	The StimRouter Neuromodulation System™ is indicated for pain management in adults who have severe intractable chronic pain of peripheral nerve origin, as an adjunct to other modes of therapy (e.g., medications). The StimRouter is not intended to treat pain in the craniofacial region.	The StimRouter Neuromodulation System™ is indicated for pain management in adults who have severe intractable chronic pain of peripheral nerve origin, as an adjunct to other modes of therapy (e.g., medications). The StimRouter is not intended to treat pain in the craniofacial region.	<b>Same</b>
<b>Implantable Lead and Lead Introducer Kit</b>			
<b>Packaging</b>			
Packaged Kit(s)	“Implantable Lead and Lead Introducer Kit”	“Lead Kit” and “Surgical Kit”	<b>Similar*</b> New packaging is just consolidation of Lead Kit and Surgical Kit
Inner Tray Material	Blue tinted PETE (Polyethylene Terephthalate): Large history of use in medical device industry	Blue tinted PETG (Polyethylene Terephthalate Glycol): Large history of use in medical device industry	<b>Similar*</b> Contract manufacturer confirmed equivalence thru qualification (PETE has better impact resistance)
Tray Lid	1073B Tyvek (DuPont)	1073B Tyvek (DuPont)	<b>Same</b>
Tray Lid Adhesive	Heat Seal Coated TPT-021C adhesive: Large history of use in medical device industry	Heat Seal Coated CR-27 adhesive: Large history of use in medical device industry	<b>Similar*</b> Contract manufacturer confirmed equivalence thru qualification
<b>StimRouter Lead</b>			
Number of stimulating electrodes	3	Same	<b>Same</b>
Electrode shape	Cylindrical	Same	<b>Same</b>

Estimated electrode surface area, per electrode	6.3 mm <sup>2</sup>	Same	<b>Same</b>
Maximum charge per pulse (lead)	3 μC	2 μC	<b>Similar</b> Safety is maintained because of limit on max current (30mA) and max pulse duration (500μsec). Max value is lower than that of similar devices, and complies with safety requirements.
Maximum charge density (lead)	15.9 μC/cm <sup>2</sup>	10.6 μC/cm <sup>2</sup>	<b>Similar</b> Safety is maintained because of limit on max current (30mA) and max pulse duration (500μsec). Max value is lower than that of similar devices, and complies with safety requirements.
Materials (electrode / Insulator)	Platinum Iridium Silicone Rubber	Same	<b>Same</b>
Location of stimulation receiver	Implanted, RF lead receiver transmitter	Same	<b>Same</b>
Design features	Helical coil design Single silicone insulator sheath	Same	<b>Same</b>
Anchors	Yes	Same	<b>Same</b>
Lead Length	15 cm	Same	<b>Same</b>
Lead body diameter	1.2 mm	Same	<b>Same</b>
Implantation / Placer Tools	StimRouter Surgical Tool Kit	Same	<b>Same</b>
Introduction method	Percutaneous	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>Tunneling Needle and Tunneling Needle Stylet</b>			
Tunneling Needle Material	304 Stainless Steel (SST 304) (No Nickel warning, unlike predicate)	SST 304 with nickel plating on handles/hubs (Presence of nickel required Nickel allergy warning in labeling)	<b>Similar</b> Nickel was used to make soldering easier between needle and handle/hub in predicate. Adequate soldering without nickel was confirmed by vendor in subject device
Tunneling Needle Size	12 Gauge	12 Gauge	<b>Same</b>

<b>StimRouter Loader</b>	No changes	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>Stimulation Probe</b>	No changes	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>Stimulation Cable</b>	No changes	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>Introducer Set</b>	No changes	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>Lead Adaptor</b>	No changes	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>Gel Electrodes</b>	No changes	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>Clinician Kit</b>			
<b>Clinician's Programmer</b>			
Hardware	Vanquisher IP67 8-inch tablet (off-the-shelf) with new charger and connector cable with Micro-SD Card storage	Hewlett Packard iPAQ 210 Enterprise Handheld PDA (off-the-shelf) with SD Card storage	<b>Similar*</b> IP67 is physically larger than the PDA and runs substantially equivalent software (recompiled for IP67 Operating System)
Clinician Programmer Operating System	Microsoft® Windows 10 Home	Microsoft® Windows Mobile® 5	<b>Similar*</b> Same code can run in Windows 10 Home
Location of programmer	External	Same	<b>Same</b>
Software driven?	Yes	Same	<b>Same</b>
Size of programmer	Hand-held	Same	<b>Same</b>
Multiple stim modes?	Yes	Same	<b>Same</b>
Graphical User Interface (GUI)	Original GUI adjusted to fit a larger area (8") of screen	Yes	<b>Similar*</b> Same GUI contents
Stimulation Frequencies	1, 2, 5, 10, <b>12, 15</b> , 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 Hz	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 Hz	<b>Similar</b> Added frequencies (12, 15 Hz) w/in original stimulation range
Patient Log Export Function in the software	Yes	No	<b>Similar*</b> Minor change that just adds a function
Miscellaneous Software Enhancements	Updates to remove obsolete event buffering procedure, to allow co-installation of CPS software with H200 and L300 Go software	Software did not have these enhancements	<b>Similar*</b> Minor enhancements to code that do not change function
<b>Tester</b>	No changes	Same	<b>Same</b>
<b>User Kit</b>			
<b>External Pulse Transmitter (EPT)</b>			
Power source	One lithium polymer, rechargeable battery	Same	<b>Same</b>
Location of transmitter	External	Same	<b>Same</b>
Amplitude current	0-5 mA (estimate based on 20% max pick-up ratio, max output of EPT of 30 mA)	Same	<b>Same</b>



Communication method	RF	Same	<b>Same</b>
Pulse frequency	1-200 Hz	Same	<b>Same</b>
Stimulation Frequencies	1, 2, 5, 10, <b>12, 15</b> , 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 Hz	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 Hz	<b>Similar</b> Added frequencies (12, 15 Hz) w/in original stimulation range
Ramp Down Feature	Present Provides smooth transition for patient where pulse amplitude is slowly decreased over time for comfort	Not present	<b>Similar*</b> Stimulation pulse with ramp down has same paresthesia effect and may provide more comfort
Maximum Compliance Voltage	100V (higher voltage to treat patients w/ high skin impedance or who need higher current settings to achieve therapeutic effect)	90V	<b>Similar*</b> Safety is maintained because of limit on max current (30mA) and max EPT external temperature (41°C)
Pulse width	70-500 µsec	Same	<b>Same</b>
Charge per phase limit	15 µC Non-rechargeable batteries are no longer supported so charge limitation is not required	10 µC Included in original design to support non-rechargeable batteries (prevented depletion)	<b>Similar*</b> Safety is maintained because of limit on max current (30mA) and max pulse duration (500µsec)
Wave form	Biphasic, charge balanced	Same	<b>Same</b>
Stimulation modality	Monopolar	Same	<b>Same</b>
Miscellaneous Software Enhancements	Software update to prevent false positive detection of transistor disconnection and improve impedance measurement of electrodes	Original software did not have enhancements	<b>Similar*</b> Update provides better detection of conditions and unnecessary termination of stimulation
<b>Patient Programmer</b>			
Stimulation Frequencies	1, 2, 5, 10, <b>12, 15</b> , 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 Hz	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200 Hz	<b>Similar</b> 12 Hz and 15 Hz are both within the original stimulation range
Number of programs	8	Same	<b>Same</b>
Programs patient selectable?	Yes	Same	<b>Same</b>
Programmer communication method with EPT	RF	Same	<b>Same</b>
Location of programmer	External	Same	<b>Same</b>
Software driven?	Yes	Same	<b>Same</b>
Multiple stim modes?	Yes	Same	<b>Same</b>

Graphical User Interface (GUI)	Yes	Same	Same
Miscellaneous Software Enhancements	Updates to prevent connection with interfering EPTs, to prevent use of buggy RF channels	Original software did not have enhancements	<b>Similar*</b> Software updates improve reliability of connection with EPT
<b>StimRouter Electrodes</b>	No change	Same	Same

\* This technology change does not impact the intended use or the operating principles or mechanism of action of the system

### Comparison of Revised Stimulation Parameters

As noted in the above Predicate Device Comparison Matrix, certain stimulation parameters have increased values. However, the subject device uses parameters that are within the safe ranges of the predicates of the original StimRouter cleared in K142432, and which are used as reference devices in this submission. The following table illustrates these parameters and how the subject device falls within these safe ranges:

Receivers and Transmitters	StimRouter Implantable Neurostimulator (current version)	StimRouter Implantable Neurostimulator (as submitted in K142432)	REFERENCE 1 Medtronic PNS (K904409/A, K920567, K982902)	REFERENCE 2 Renew System (K000852)
Number of stimulating electrodes	3	3	4	4
Surface area per electrode	6.3 mm <sup>2</sup>	6.3 mm <sup>2</sup>	12 mm <sup>2</sup>	13 mm <sup>2</sup>
Total area of stimulating electrodes	18.9 mm <sup>2</sup>	18.9 mm <sup>2</sup>	48 mm <sup>2</sup>	52 mm <sup>2</sup>
Amplitude current	0-6mA <i>(estimate based on 20% max pick-up ratio, max output of EPT of 30 mA)</i>	0-6mA <i>(estimate based on 20% max pick-up ratio, max output of EPT of 30 mA)</i>	Up to 20 mA	24 mA <i>(estimate based on 12V max output, 500Ω load)</i>
Pulse frequency	1-200 Hz	1-200 Hz	5-240 Hz (Matrix)	10-1,500 Hz
Pulse width	70-500 μsec	70-500 μsec	60-450 μsec	50-500 μsec
Maximum average current	1.2 mA	1.2 mA	4.3 mA	Information not publicly available

<b>Receivers and Transmitters</b>	<b>StimRouter Implantable Neurostimulator (current version)</b>	<b>StimRouter Implantable Neurostimulator (as submitted in K142432)</b>	<b>REFERENCE 1 Medtronic PNS (K904409/A, K920567, K982902)</b>	<b>REFERENCE 2 Renew System (K000852)</b>
Maximum current (rms)	2.7 mA	2.7 mA	9.3 mA	Information not publicly available
Maximum average current density	6.3 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	6.3 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	9.0 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	Information not publicly available
Maximum average power density (into 500 Ohm load)	19.2 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	19.2 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	90.1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	Information is not available
Maximum charge per pulse	3 μC <i>(estimate based on 20% max pick-up ratio, max output of EPT of 30 mA)</i>	3 μC <i>(estimate based on 20% max pick-up ratio, max output of EPT of 30 mA)</i>	20 μC	12 μC <i>(estimate based on 12V max output, 500Ω load)</i>
Maximum charge density	15.9 μC/cm <sup>2</sup> <i>(estimate based on 20% max pick-up ratio, max output of EPT of 30 mA)</i>	15.9 μC/cm <sup>2</sup> * <i>(estimate based on 20% max pick-up ratio, max output of EPT of 30 mA)</i>	160 μC/cm <sup>2</sup> (X-trel)	92.3 μC/cm <sup>2</sup>
Wave form	Biphasic, charge balanced	Biphasic, charge balanced	Rectangular, biphasic current outputs	Information not publicly available
Stimulation modality	Monopolar	Monopolar	Bipolar	Bipolar

### Performance Data

Risk Analysis methods were used to assess the impact of the modifications of the original StimRouter Neuromodulation System and to determine the verification and validation activities required based on the Risk Analysis. The Risk Analysis methods, the verification and validation activities required, including methods and tests used and their acceptance criteria applied, are provided in the Design Controls section of this submission.

The verification and validation activities required the following bench tests, originally developed under the design control process of the StimRouter Neuromodulation System cleared in K142432:

- **Bioburden**
- **Sterilization & Shelf-life Testing**
- **Biocompatibility Testing**
- **Shelf Life**
- **Shipping Validation**
- **Package Integrity (Bubble Leak Testing, Seal Strength Testing)**
- **Functional Verification and Validation**
- **Label Validation**
- **Printing Verification**
- **MRI Compatibility**
- **Implant Heating**
- **Software Verification and Validation Testing**

## **VII. Conclusions**

The verification and validation activities described above demonstrate that the subject device StimRouter Neuromodulation System, which has modifications as compared to the predicate StimRouter Neuromodulation System (cleared in K142432), is substantially equivalent to the predicate device in terms of safety and effectiveness for its indication of pain management in adults who have severe intractable chronic pain of peripheral nerve origin, as an adjunct to other modes of therapy (e.g., medications). The subject device continues to not be intended to treat pain in the craniofacial region.