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Re: K191768

Device Name: AXS Vecta Aspiration System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 870.1250  
Regulation Name: Percutaneous Catheter  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: NRY  
Dated: June 28, 2019  
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Dear Shazia Hakim:

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.

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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).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**Indications for Use**

510(k) Number (if known)

K191768

Device Name

AXS Vecta Aspiration System

Indications for Use (Describe)

The AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter, as part of the AXS Vecta Aspiration System, is indicated in the revascularization of patients with acute ischemic stroke secondary to intracranial large vessel occlusive disease (within the internal carotid, middle cerebral - M1 and M2 segments, basilar, and vertebral arteries) within 8 hours of symptom onset. Patients who are ineligible for intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (IV t-PA) or who failed IV t-PA therapy are candidates for treatment.

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

### Introduction:

According to the requirements of 21 CFR 807.92, the following information provides sufficient details to understand the basis for a determination of substantial equivalence.

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**Trade/Proprietary Name:** AXS Vecta® Aspiration System (formerly known as the InNeuroCo Zenith Flex System and InNeuroCo 071 & 074 Zenith Flex Catheters)

**Common Name:** Percutaneous Catheter

**Classification Name:** Percutaneous Catheter, 21CFR 870.1250 – Class II

**Product Code:** NRY

## **Legally Marketed Predicate Devices**

<b>Name of Predicate Device</b>	<b>Name of Manufacturer</b>	<b>510(k) Number</b>
AXS Vecta Aspiration System	Stryker Neurovascular	K190212

### **Device Description**

The Stryker AXS Vecta Aspiration System includes an aspiration catheter and its accessories, including the Scout Introducer, the Peel-Away Introducers, the Hemostasis Valve, the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing, the Medela Dominant Flex Pump, and the AXS Universal Liner Set.

### **Indications for Use**

The AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter, as part of the AXS Vecta Aspiration System is indicated in the revascularization of patients with acute ischemic stroke secondary to intracranial large vessel occlusive disease (within the internal carotid, middle cerebral – M1 and M2 segments, basilar, and vertebral arteries) within 8 hours of symptom onset. Patients who are ineligible for intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (IV t-PA) or who failed IV t-PA therapy are candidates for treatment.

### **Technological Characteristics and Product Feature Comparison**

Stryker Neurovascular has demonstrated the AXS Vecta® Aspiration Catheter (AXS Vecta® 71 & 74 Aspiration Catheters) is substantially equivalent to the Predicate device, AXS Vecta Aspiration System (**K190212**) based on the same or similar materials, similar design, and the same fundamental operating principles. A comparison of the Subject device with the Predicate device is summarized in table below.

**Table 1. Product Feature Comparison of Subject Device to Predicate Device**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Submission Subject Device</b>	<b>Predicate Device</b>
Manufacturer	Stryker Neurovascular	Stryker Neurovascular
510(k) Number	<b>K191768</b>	<b>K190212</b>
Device Trade Name	<b>AXS Vecta® Aspiration System (AXS Vecta® 71 &amp; 74 Aspiration Catheters)</b>	<b>AXS Vecta® Aspiration System (AXS Vecta® 71 &amp; 74 Aspiration Catheters)</b>
Regulation Number	21 CFR 870.1250	Same
Regulation Name	Percutaneous Catheter	Same
Classification	II	Same
Product Code	NRV	Same
Intended Use/Indication for Use	The AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter, as part of the AXS Vecta Aspiration System is indicated in the revascularization of patients with acute ischemic stroke secondary to intracranial large vessel occlusive disease (within the internal carotid, middle cerebral – M1 and M2 segments, basilar, and vertebral arteries) within 8 hours of symptom onset. Patients who are ineligible for intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (IV t-PA) or who failed IV t-PA therapy are candidates for treatment.	Same
Device Description	The AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter is advanced into the neurovasculature by a physician trained in interventional endovascular procedures using a compatible sheath or guide catheter, and over an appropriately sized microcatheter, guide wire, and/or the Scout Introducer. Two peel-away introducer sheaths are provided in the package to provide support and facilitate the introduction of the	Same

	<p>AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter tip into the sheath/guide catheter valve. Once the assembly is inserted, the peel-away introducer sheath can be removed. Under fluoroscopic guidance, the assembly can be advanced through the vasculature to the intended vascular site, with the distal end of the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter positioned proximal to the clot. The proximal end of the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing is connected to the AXS Universal Liner Set. The AXS Universal Liner Set is connected to the Medela Dominant Flex Pump, and the Medela Dominant Flex Pump is turned ON. All devices inside of the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter are removed. The distal end of the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing is attached to the proximal end of the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter. To start aspiration, the aspiration tubing clamp on the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing is opened, and the clot is engaged with the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter.</p>	
Accessory Devices Provided (not in direct contact with patient)	Hemostasis Valve, 2 Peel-Away Introducers Scout Introducer	Same
Outer Jacket	Polymeric catheter	Same
Reinforcement	Stainless Steel/Nitinol	Same
Strain Relief	Polyolefin	Same
Inner Layer	PTFE	Same
Catheter Hub	Nylon	Same
Marker Band	Platinum/Iridium	Same
Adhesive	Cyanoacrylate	Same
Outer Jacket Coating	Hydrophilic Coating	Same

Labeled Shaft Outer Diameter	<p>Distal OD: Vecta 71: 0.082 in. Vecta 74: 0.083 in.</p> <p>Proximal OD: Vecta 71: 0.085 in. Vecta 74: 0.087 in.</p>	<p>Distal OD: Same</p> <p>Proximal OD: Same</p>
Effective Lengths	115, 125, 132 cm	Same
Distal ID	0.071 in. 0.074 in.	Same
Proximal ID	0.071 in. 0.074 in.	Same
Packaging Materials and Configuration	Tyvek/Nylon Pouch, polyethylene support tube, packaging card, SBS carton	Same
Sterilization Method	EO Sterilization	Same
How Supplied	Single Use/Sterile	Same
Principles of Operation	<p>The AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter is advanced into the neurovasculature by a physician trained in interventional endovascular procedures using a compatible sheath or guide catheter, and over an appropriately sized microcatheter, guide wire, and/or the Scout Introducer. Two peel-away introducer sheaths are provided in the package to provide support and facilitate the introduction of the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter tip into the sheath/guide catheter valve. Once the assembly is inserted, the peel-away introducer sheath can be removed. Under fluoroscopic guidance, the assembly can be advanced through the vasculature to the intended vascular site, with the distal end of the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter positioned proximal to the clot. The proximal end of the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing is</p>	Same



	connected to the AXS Universal Liner Set. The AXS Universal Liner Set is connected to the Medela Dominant Flex Pump, and the Medela Dominant Flex Pump is turned ON. All devices inside of the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter are removed. The distal end of the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing is attached to the proximal end of the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter. To start aspiration, the aspiration tubing clamp on the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing is opened, and the clot is engaged with the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter.			
Patient Contacting Components	AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheter and its Accessories	Same		
Pump	Medela Dominant Flex Pump	Same		
Aspiration Tubing	AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing	Same		
Replacement Components	AXS Universal Liner Set	Same		
Aspiration Method	Pump	Same		
Single Use Components	Catheter and its accessories, Aspiration Tubing, Liner Sets	Same		
Reusable Components	Pump	Same		
Maximum Aspiration Pressure	28 in Hg	Same		
Calculated Force at Tip	Catheter ID	Calculated Force at Tip	Catheter ID	Calculated Force at Tip
	0.071 in	0.024 kgf	Same	Same
	0.074 in	0.026 kgf		
Pressure Regulator Method	Adjustable vacuum pressure dial	Same		
Flow Rate	Non-adjustable flow rate	Same		

The differences between the devices are not critical as demonstrated above and through the testing referenced below.

### **Summary of Non-Clinical Data**

Testing was only conducted for specifications that were impacted by the changes to the catheter proximal shaft material (coextrusion), mixed coil winding pattern (cross coil to single) and pitch (.026 to .012) of the stainless steel wire on the proximal section of the catheter shaft of the AXS Vecta 71 and 74 catheters, modification (tightening) of the tip length specification, as well as updating the AXS Vecta 71 marker band tacking to use the same UV adhesive and adhesive curing process as the AXS Vecta 74 cleared in **K181354**. Although an evaluation of the packaging was not required as part of simulated use bench testing, an assessment was included as part of the design validation to confirm that the packaging configuration does not result in any damage to the catheter when opened with the typical sense of urgency; refer to Table 2 below.

### **Animal Testing**

Animal testing previously conducted for the AXS Vecta Aspiration System was leveraged to support the changes to AXS Vecta 71 and 74 Aspiration Catheters. Prior to design changes, Simulated Use-Animal testing was performed to support the previously cleared AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheters as part of the system and can be found in **K190212**, **K172167** and **K181354** (cleared as Zenith Flex System). Additional testing was not performed because the current design changes do not impact the overall efficacy and safety of the device. The UV adhesive tacking adhesive change does not impact safety or efficacy because the tip design is not changing. The mixed coil and coextrusion changes do not change the distal tip, does not change the outer patient interacting material (Vestamid ML21), and the inner coextrusion material (Pebax 72D) is currently used in the catheter design. The new tip length specification is still within the original tip length specification window and is not anticipated to impact the safety or efficacy.

### **AXS Vecta Performance Data – Bench Testing**

To demonstrate substantial equivalence between the Subject device, AXS Vecta Aspiration System with proposed design changes and the currently cleared AXS Vecta Aspiration System (Predicate device), performance testing was conducted. The tests were performed using standard test methods and pre-determined acceptance criteria and all samples passed. Therefore, this test data supports the argument that the AXS Vecta Aspiration System has similar performance

characteristics as the predicate device. All the testing conducted to demonstrate substantial equivalence are presented in the following table.

**Table 2. Performance Testing Summary**

<b>Test</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
Visual Inspection (Packaging: Pouch Visual)	All units met the acceptance criteria and passed Packaging Visual Inspection.
Visual Inspection (Packaging: Undamaged Product)	All units met the acceptance criteria and passed Packaging Visual Inspection.
Tensile Strength	All units met the acceptance criteria and passed Tensile Strength testing.
PTFE Delamination	All units met the acceptance criteria and passed PTFE Delamination testing.
Torque Strength	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Torque Strength testing.
Catheter Burst	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Catheter Burst testing.
Leak (Liquid)	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed the Air and Liquid Leakage testing.
Leak (Air)	
Dimensional (ID, OD, & Working Length)	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Dimensional testing.
Kink Resistance	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Kink Resistance testing.
Visual Inspection (Transition & Tip)	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed both the transition and tip visual inspections.
Lumen Patency	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Lumen Patency testing.
Vacuum Drop	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Vacuum Drop testing.
Tip Flexibility	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Tip Flexibility testing.
Friction Force	All samples met acceptance criteria and passed Friction Force testing.

**Performance Data – Clinical**

No clinical study was conducted as bench testing was determined sufficient for verification and validation purposes.

### **Shelf Life Testing**

Shelf life testing previously conducted for the AXS Vecta Aspiration System was leveraged to support the changes to AXS Vecta 71 and 74 Aspiration Catheters and can be found in **K172167** and **K181354**. Shelf life testing was not performed since it was determined that there is no impact on material degradation and the design changes do not impact the overall efficacy and safety of the device.

### **Sterilization**

The subject device is sterilized by 100% EtO and has been adopted into a validated sterilization process in accordance with the principles of AAMI TIR 28:2016 *Product Adoption & Process Equivalence for Ethylene Oxide Sterilization* and per the requirements of ISO 11135:2014 *Sterilization of health-care products – Ethylene oxide – Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*.

### **Biocompatibility**

Biocompatibility testing previously conducted for the AXS Vecta Aspiration System was leveraged to support the changes to AXS Vecta 71 and 74 Aspiration Catheters and can be found in **K172167** and **K181354**. Additionally, though no biological risks were identified, confirmatory tests (cytotoxicity, sensitization and irritation) were conducted to confirm that there is no impact on existing biocompatibility study. Based on the testing results, the AXS Vecta 71 and 74 Aspiration Catheters with the design change is free from biological hazard per ISO 10993-1.

### **Summary of Substantial Equivalence**

The performance characteristics and the test results demonstrate that the AXS Vecta Aspiration System meets the acceptance criteria to determine that the AXS Vecta Aspiration System is substantially equivalent to the predicate device. Furthermore, the intended use, the operating principles, and the design are all equivalent and support the conclusion that all devices are technologically similar. Additionally, the testing results summarized above along with the risk assessment demonstrate that the benefits of the device outweigh any residual risks when used in accordance with device Instructions for Use.

Stryker Neurovascular has demonstrated that the AXS Vecta Aspiration Catheters are as safe, as effective, and perform as well as the legally marketed Predicate device.