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Re: K201644  
Trade/Device Name: QardioCore  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 870.2800  
Regulation Name: Medical Magnetic Tape Recorder  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: DSH  
Dated: June 15, 2020  
Received: June 17, 2020

Dear Rosario Iannella:

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).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

K201644

Device Name

QardioCore ECG ambulatory monitoring device

Indications for Use (Describe)

The QardioCore ECG ambulatory monitoring device is intended to capture, store, transmit, and display ECG information for recording periods of up to 24-hours in a single session. It is indicated for use on adult patients who may be asymptomatic or who meet clinical indications to perform an ECG-Holter monitor exam.

The QardioCore ECG monitor is a prescription-only device, and the reported information is provided for review by a physician who will render a diagnosis based on clinical judgment and experience.

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 (per 21 CFR 807.92)

### **Submitter's information**

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### **Device Information**

**Trade name:** QardioCore  
**Device name:** QardioCore ECG Monitor  
**Device model:** C100  
**Classification name:** Medical Magnetic Tape Recorder (21 CFR 870.2800)  
**Common name:** Electrocardiograph  
**Classification:** 2  
**Specialty:** Cardiovascular  
**Product code:** DSH

### **Predicate device**

iRhythm Technologies, Inc., Zio Patch, K121319

### **Reference device (Clinical study)**

ELA Medical, Inc., Spiderview Holter ECG recorder, K032466

### **Device Description and Test Principle**

The QardioCore ECG ambulatory monitoring device is intended to capture, store, transmit, and display ECG information for recording periods of up to 24-hours in a single session. It is indicated for use on adult patients who may be asymptomatic or who meet clinical indications to perform an ECG-Holter monitor exam.

The QardioCore ECG monitor is a prescription-only device, and the reported information is provided for review by a physician who will render a diagnosis based on clinical judgment and experience.

The QardioCore ECG Monitor is composed of six main components: i) the QardioCore sensor with Bluetooth technology, ii) a chest strap that allows fitting of QardioCore sensor, iii) a USB charging cable, iv) the Qardio App (can be downloaded and installed from the respective App store) and runs on any iOS device with iOS version 10.0 or later, v) the cloud based server where the Qardio App stores and retrieves data, and vi) the ECG Viewer which provides a web interface to the doctor to view the data sent by the iPhone application.



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The QardioCore device is a wearable device that captures information through a single-channel ECG. The data is then encrypted and transmitted via Bluetooth Low Energy to the Qardio App, installed on a compatible mobile platform. The QardioCore is supplied with chest straps accommodating chest sizes ranging from 27-5 to 43 inches. An optional XL chest strap is available from 41.7 to 59.8 inches. The device is provided with a USB Type-A cable to charge the device.

The Qardio App (which can be installed from the user’s respective app store), can transmit the data, via Wi-Fi or standard data mobile telephony, to Qardio cloud based server for storage processing and transmission to an expert medical professional.

The ECG Viewer application provides a web interface to the doctor to view the ECG data collected from the iPhone Application. All data that a patient accumulates using the QardioCore device is stored in the central server. The ECG Viewer provides the doctor with ECG data and Heart Rate (BPM), which a doctor can use as additional information for forming a medical diagnosis. The doctor is able to see both the ECG data and Heart Rate (BPM) as soon as the data becomes available in the central server provided that the patient accepts the doctor’s request for access. The device does not include automated analysis except for heart rate calculation. QardioCore is not suitable for physicians who need to perform ECG diagnoses such as myocardial ischemia, left ventricular hypertrophy or specific bundle branch blocks that require multiple and precise electrode placement and consistent wave amplitude.

**Indications for use**

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**Comparison Tables**

**Table 5.A Comparison of applied regulations**

	<b>Subject Device</b>	<b>Predicate Device</b>	<b>Reference Device</b>
<b>510(k) Number</b>	K201644	K121319	K032466
<b>Applicant</b>	Qardio, Inc.	iRhythm Technologies, Inc.	ELA Medical, Inc.
<b>Device Name</b>	QardioCore ECG Monitor	Zio Patch	Spider View Holter ECG recorder
<b>Classification Regulation</b>	21 CFR 870.2800	21 CFR 870.2800	21 CFR 870.2800



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<b>Product Code</b>	DSH	DSH	MWJ
<b>Prescription Use Only</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Table 5.B Comparison of IFU**

<b>Device</b>	<b>Indications For Use</b>
<b>Subject device</b> <b>QardioCore, C100</b>	<p><i>The QardioCore ECG ambulatory monitoring device is intended to capture, store, transmit, and display ECG information for recording periods of up to 24-hours in a single session. It is indicated for use on adult patients who may be asymptomatic or who meet clinical indications to perform an ECG-Holter monitor exam.</i></p> <p><i>The QardioCore ECG monitor is a prescription-only device, and the reported information is provided for review by a physician who will render a diagnosis based on clinical judgment and experience.</i></p>
<b>Predicate device</b> <b>Zio® Patch</b> <b>(K121319)</b>	<p><i>The Zio® Patch is a prescription-only, single-patient-use, continuously recording ECG monitor that can be worn up to 14 days. It is indicated for use on patients who may be asymptomatic or who may suffer from transient symptoms such as palpitations, shortness of breath, dizziness, light-headedness, pre-syncope, syncope, fatigue, or anxiety.</i></p>

As shown above, the indications for use for the QardioCore ECG Monitor are similar to the primary predicate device in that they are both intended for adult patients, are not intended to be diagnostic devices, are prescription-only devices, and they are intended to provide additional information to healthcare professionals.



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**Table 5.C Comparison of performance**

	<b>Subject Device</b>	<b>Predicate Device</b>	<b>Reference Device</b>
<b>Wear Time</b>	Up to 24 hours for a single session and can be used for multiple recording periods allowing long-term monitoring and evaluation.	Up to 14 days	24-96 hours (4 days)
<b>Memory Capacity</b>	12 hours when not connected to an iOS device. Once connected, memory capacity is essentially unlimited due to transmission to remote memory.	Up to 14 days	16, 32 or 64 MB
<b>Recording Format</b>	Continuous	Continuous	Unknown
<b>Ambulatory Use</b>	Yes	Yes	Unknown
<b>Sterilization</b>	Non-Sterile	Non-sterile	Unknown
<b>System Architecture</b>	Requires an external device to constitute a complete electrocardiograph system	Requires an external device to constitute a complete electrocardiograph system	Unknown
<b>Patient Interface</b>	Integrated electrodes placed on patient's chest	Integrated electrodes placed on patient's chest	Unknown
<b>Display and User Interaction</b>	Data is displayed via the mobile app.	Data is displayed via a mobile app or website.	Graphic LCD
<b>Battery Type</b>	Lithium polymer cell	Lithium polymer cell	1 AA 1.5V battery or 1 AA 1.2V NiMH rechargeable battery
<b>Activity Sensor</b>	Yes	None	Unknown
<b>Heart Rate (HR) Measurement</b>	Yes	Yes	Unknown
<b>Data Telemetry</b>	Yes Bluetooth, Cellular network / Wi-Fi	None	Unknown
<b>Telemetry Device</b>	Commercial smartphone/tablet	N/A	Unknown
<b>Dimensions</b>	7.3 x 3.4 x 0.4 in (185 x 87 x 9mm)	4.79 x 2.07 x 0.42 in (123 x 53 x 10.7mm)	3.82 x 2.13 x 0.91 in (97 x 54 x 23 mm)
<b>Weight</b>	0.287 lbs. (130g)	0.0749 lbs. (34g)	110g with batteries and flash card
<b>Operating conditions</b>	-4 to 104° F (-20 to 40° C) for discharging 25 – 90% RH (non-condensing)	36 to 104° F (2 to 40° C)	Unknown
	32 to 104° F (0 to 40 OC) For charging	Unknown	



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	Subject Device	Predicate Device	Reference Device
<b>Operating Altitude</b>	Up to 9,842 ft (3,000 m)	-1,000 to 10,000 ft (-305 to 3,048 m)	Unknown
<b>Storage Conditions</b>	-4 to 104° F (-20 to 40° C) 45 to 85% RH (non-condensing)	64 to 80° F (18 to 27° C) 10 to 95% RH (non-condensing)	Unknown
<b>Storage Altitude</b>	Up to 9,842 ft (3,000 m)	-1,000 to 14,000 ft (-305 to 4,267 m)	Unknown
<b>Frequency Response</b>	0.05 Hz to 40 Hz	Unknown	0.05 to 25 Hz
<b>Input Impedance</b>	≥ 100 Mohm	≥3 Mohm	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Differential Range</b>	± 5 mV	± 1.65 mV	± 16 mV
<b>A/D Sampling Rate</b>	600 samples / second (600 Hz)	200 samples / second (200Hz)	1000 samples/second (1000 Hz)
<b>Resolution</b>	16 bits	10 bits	15 bits
<b>Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR)</b>	120 dB Conforming to IEC 60601-2-47 Section 201.12.4.4.103	≥60 dB Conforming to IEC 60601-2-47 Section 201.12.4.4.103	<b>Unknown</b>

**Substantial Equivalence Discussions**

The subject device is similar to the predicate device and reference device in terms of technical specifications and performance. The minor differences in the recording characteristics, data transmission characteristics, physical characteristics and environmental specifications do not raise new questions of safety and effectiveness. Performance testing is described below and demonstrates that the subject device meets the specifications for its intended use. Clinical testing is described below and demonstrates that the subject device performs as intended and is capable of providing clinically useful ECG information that is comparable to the FDA cleared Zio Patch (K121319).

**Non-Clinical Testing in Support of Substantial Equivalence Determination**

All necessary performance testing was conducted on the QardioCore to support determination of substantial equivalence to the predicate devices. The results are confirmed by examination and provision of objective evidence that the design output meets the design input requirements in conformance with the following list of international standards:

- IEC 60601-1: 2005 + CORR. 1 (2006) + CORR. 2 (2007) + AM1 (2012): General requirements for basic safety and essential performance, *FDA recognition number: 19-4*
- IEC 60601-1-2:2014: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances - Requirements and tests, *FDA recognition number: 19-8*



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- IEC 60601-1-11:2015 Medical electrical equipment Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment, *FDA recognition number: 19-14*
- IEC 60068-2-64: Environmental testing - Part 2-64: Tests - Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance
- IEC 60068-2-27:2008: Environmental testing - Part 2-27: Tests - Test Ea and guidance: Shock
- IEC 60601-2-47: 2012 Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-47: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ambulatory electrocardiographic systems, *FDA recognition number: 3-155*
- IEC 62133: 2012: Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications, *FDA recognition number: 19-13*
- UN ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.6/Section 38.3, Recommendations on the TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS
- EN ISO 10993-1: 2009/AC 2010: Biological evaluation of medical devices – Part 1: Evaluation of testing within a risk management process, *FDA recognition number: 2-220*
- EN ISO 10993-5: 2009: Biological evaluation of medical devices – Part 5: Tests for *in vitro* cytotoxicity, *FDA recognition number: 2-245*
- EN ISO 10993-10: 2010: Biological evaluation of medical devices – Tests for irritation and skin sensitization, *FDA recognition number: 2-174*
- ANSI/AAMI EC57: 2012: Testing and reporting performance results of cardiac rhythm and ST segment measurement algorithms, *FDA recognition number: 3-118*

### **Clinical Testing in Support of Substantial Equivalence Determination**

The purpose of the study was to demonstrate the accuracy of the QardioCore ECG Monitor in generating ambulatory ECG signal non-inferior in terms of signal quality to standard ECG parameters provided by a conventional, FDA-cleared, 3-channel ECG-Holter monitor device over a 24-hour recording time. The reference device used in the study is the Spiderview Holter ECG recorder manufactured by ELA Medical, Inc., Plymouth, MN, (K032466).

The study was conducted in a population consistent with the device indications for use. ECGs from the subject and reference devices were collected and analyzed in a blinded fashion at various timepoints representative of realistic device use. Various qualitative and quantitative metrics, including signal quality, relevant ECG waveform amplitude and intervals, artifact burden, and comfort, were measured and analyzed. The data provided demonstrated the substantial equivalence with the predicate device.

### **Conclusion**

Testing results of the electrical safety, EMC, non-clinical performance testing and clinical testing presented in the submission demonstrate that any difference in the technological characteristics does not raise any new issue affecting the safety and effectiveness of the QardioCore device as compared to the predicate devices. Thus, the subject device QardioCore is substantially equivalent to the identified predicate device.