



September 10, 2021

SeaSpine Orthopedics Corporation  
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Re: K212540

Trade/Device Name: Explorer TO System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3080  
Regulation Name: Intervertebral Body Fusion Device  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: MAX  
Dated: August 11, 2021  
Received: August 12, 2021

Dear Aly Alvarez:

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.

Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). For questions regarding the reporting of adverse events under the MDR regulation (21 CFR Part 803), please go to <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/medical-device-safety/medical-device-reporting-mdr-how-report-medical-device-problems>.

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)

K212540

Device Name

Explorer TO System

Indications for Use (Describe)

When used as an intervertebral body fusion device, the system is intended for spinal fusion procedures at one or two contiguous levels (L2-S1) in skeletally mature patients with degenerative disc disease (DDD). DDD is defined as back pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc confirmed by history and radiographic studies. DDD patients may also have up to Grade 1 spondylolisthesis or retrolisthesis at the involved level(s). These patients may have had a previous nonfusion spinal surgery at the involved spinal level(s). These patients should have had six months of nonoperative treatment. The device is intended to be used with autogenous bone graft and/or allogeneic bone graft composed of cancellous and/or corticocancellous bone and supplemental fixation.

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

### Contact Details

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### Device Name

Trade Name: Explorer TO System  
Common Name: Intervertebral Body Fusion Device  
Classification Name: Intervertebral Fusion Device with Bone Graft, Lumbar (21 CFR 888.3080)  
Product Code(s): MAX  
Device Class: 2

### Legally Marketed Predicate Devices

| 510(k) Number | Product Code(s) | Trade Name   | Manufacturer                        |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| K193418       | MAX             | Explorer TO System<br>(formerly SeaSpine<br>Skipjack System) | SeaSpine Orthopedics<br>Corporation |

### Device Description

The SeaSpine Explorer TO System is an intervertebral fusion device with large central graft windows which are packed with autogenous bone graft and/or allogenic bone graft, composed of cancellous and/or corticocancellous bone prior to implantation. The spacers are manufactured from Titanium Alloy per ASTM F136 and consist of two different options: an adjustable, expanding spacer and an adjustable, lordotic angle option. All implants and instruments are provided non-sterile in system-specific trays and are to be sterilized by the end user. The instruments included with the system facilitate the placement and adjustment of the interbody spacer, and removal if necessary.

### Intended Use/Indications for Use

When used as an intervertebral body fusion device, the system is intended for spinal fusion procedures at one or two contiguous levels (L2-S1) in skeletally mature patients with degenerative disc disease (DDD). DDD is defined as back pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc confirmed by history and radiographic studies. DDD patients may also have up to Grade 1 spondylolisthesis or retrolisthesis at the involved level(s). These patients may have had a previous nonfusion spinal surgery at the involved spinal level(s). These patients should have had six months of nonoperative treatment. The device is intended to be used with autogenous bone graft and/or allogeneic bone graft composed of cancellous and/or corticocancellous bone and supplemental fixation.

### Summary of Technological Characteristics

The SeaSpine Explorer TO System is identical or similar to the cited predicate device in regard to components, device description, intended use/indications for use, technological characteristics (operating principle, design, materials, manufacturing, etc.) and performance (mechanical safety).

The implants are used to treat the same conditions, have essentially the same precautions and contraindications for use, and represent a basic design concept in terms of safety and effectiveness, and differ only in design details and not functionality.

### Non-Clinical Testing

Mechanical and engineering analysis verified that the subject design changes do not introduce a new worse case nor raise any questions of safety or efficacy.

### Conclusions

The submitted data demonstrate that the SeaSpine Explorer TO System is substantially equivalent to the cited legally marketed predicate.