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Re: K242773

Trade/Device Name: Electro Lube NXT
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4400
Regulation Name: Electrosurgical Cutting And Coagulation Device And Accessories
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: GEI
Dated: September 13, 2024
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Dear Steve Elliott:

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 (the 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 available 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.

Additional information about changes that may require a new premarket notification are provided in the FDA guidance documents entitled "Deciding When to Submit a 510(k) for a Change to an Existing Device"

(<https://www.fda.gov/media/99812/download>) and "Deciding When to Submit a 510(k) for a Software Change to an Existing Device" (<https://www.fda.gov/media/99785/download>).

Your device is also subject to, among other requirements, the Quality System (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820), which includes, but is not limited to, 21 CFR 820.30, Design controls; 21 CFR 820.90, Nonconforming product; and 21 CFR 820.100, Corrective and preventive action. Please note that regardless of whether a change requires premarket review, the QS regulation requires device manufacturers to review and approve changes to device design and production (21 CFR 820.30 and 21 CFR 820.70) and document changes and approvals in the device master record (21 CFR 820.181).

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 Part 803) for devices or postmarketing safety reporting (21 CFR Part 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 Part 4, Subpart A) for combination products; and, if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR Parts 1000-1050.

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Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 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) or phone (1-800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100).

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Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

K242773

Device Name

Electro Lube NXT

Indications for Use (Describe)

Electro Lube™ NXT is a single patient use device used in open and minimally-invasive surgery to reduce tissue sticking and eschar on electrosurgical instruments, including robotic assisted electrosurgical instruments.

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
Electro Lube NXT**

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1. Device Name

Trade Name: Electro Lube NXT

Device Class: Class II

Common/usual Name: Electrosurgical Non-stick Coating Accessory

Classification Name: Electrosurgical Cutting and Coagulation Device and Accessories

Classification Number: 21 CFR 878.4400

Product Code: GEI

2. Predicate Device

K241055 Electro Lube NXT

Table 1. Device Comparison Table for Electro Lube NXT and Predicate

Feature	Electro Lube NXT (Proposed Device)	Electro Lube NXT (Predicate Device/K241055)
Indications for Use	Electro Lube™ NXT is a single patient use device used in open and minimally-invasive surgery to reduce tissue sticking and eschar on electrosurgical instruments, including robotic assisted electrosurgical instruments.	Electro Lube NXT™ is a single patient use device used in open and minimally-invasive surgery to reduce tissue adhesion and eschar on electrosurgical instruments
Intended Use	Electro Lube™ NXT is intended to be used on electrodes to reduce sticking and eschar.	Electro Lube™ NXT is intended to be used on electrodes to reduce sticking and eschar.
Components	- Electro Lube Vial containing 4mL of Electro Lube - Foam applicator pad with adhesive backing and barium strip	- Electro Lube Vial containing 4mL of Electro Lube - Foam applicator pad with adhesive backing and barium strip
Materials of Construction	- Electro Lube NXT - Lexolube® CQ-3000 - Accessory Foam Sponge - Polyester Polyurethane Foam; Medical Double-Coated Tape; Barium Cord - Electro Lube Bottle – Medium Density Polyethylene	- Electro Lube NXT - Lexolube® CQ-3000 - Accessory Foam Sponge - Polyester Polyurethane Foam; Medical Double-Coated Tape; Barium Cord - Electro Lube Bottle – Medium Density Polyethylene
Sterile	Yes - Irradiation	Yes - Irradiation
SAL	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁶
Performance	Evaluation of Tissue Adhesion – reduced sticking of probe versus uncoated control	Evaluation of Tissue Adhesion – reduced sticking of probe versus uncoated control

Feature	Electro Lube NXT (Proposed Device)	Electro Lube NXT (Predicate Device/K241055)
	• Evaluation of Eschar removal – reduced eschar on probe after wiping. • Evaluation of Appearance – visual inspection of color, clarity and absence of particulates. • Evaluation of Product Odor Profile – odor profile of EL NXT no worse than Electro Lube • Evaluation of Product Viscosity and Coating – coat electrode without excessive dripping. • Evaluation of Cutting Force and Impedance – cutting force is no greater in EL NXT coated electrodes vs uncoated. • Evaluation of Ease of Product Removal – Comparison of removal of EL NXT verses predicate by wiping. • Evaluation of Potential for the Evolution of Hazardous Scenario – observation of ignition potential of substrate using highest energy setting for successive burns • Flash Point - Closed Cup Method – Demonstration that EL NXT has flash point greater than 200 °C. • Evaluation of Pourability/ Dispensing – Comparison in pourability to Predicate. • Thermal Spread Evaluation - Comparison of thermal spread profiles between EL NXT, predicate device and uncoated electrode. Thermal spread impact of ELNXT on thermal spread must be equivalent or smaller than predicate. • Evaluation of Sponge Interaction – determination that no damage or degradation occurs during use-life and	• Evaluation of Eschar removal – reduced eschar on probe after wiping. • Evaluation of Appearance – visual inspection of color, clarity and absence of particulates. • Evaluation of Product Odor Profile – odor profile of EL NXT no worse than Electro Lube • Evaluation of Product Viscosity and Coating – coat electrode without excessive dripping. • Evaluation of Cutting Force and Impedance – cutting force is no greater in EL NXT coated electrodes vs uncoated. • Evaluation of Ease of Product Removal – Comparison of removal of EL NXT verses predicate by wiping. • Evaluation of Potential for the Evolution of Hazardous Scenario – observation of ignition potential of substrate using highest energy setting for successive burns • Flash Point - Closed Cup Method – Demonstration that EL NXT has flash point greater than 200 °C. • Evaluation of Pourability/ Dispensing – Comparison in pourability to Predicate. • Thermal Spread Evaluation - Comparison of thermal spread profiles between ELNXT, predicate device and uncoated electrode. Thermal spread impact of EL NXT on thermal spread must be equivalent or smaller than predicate. • Evaluation of Sponge Interaction – determination that no damage or degradation occurs during use-life and conditions. Reprocessing

Feature	Electro Lube NXT (Proposed Device)	Electro Lube NXT (Predicate Device/K241055)
	conditions. Reprocessing Validation Test – Demonstration of effective cleaning of electrosurgical instruments after simulated use with ELNXT Cleaning Evaluation – Use of Electro Lube NXT does not impede cleaning of non-robotic electrosurgery instruments	Validation Test – Demonstration of effective cleaning of electrosurgical instruments after simulated use with ELNXT Cleaning Evaluation – Use of Electro Lube NXT does not impede cleaning non-robotic electrosurgery instruments
Performance Testing for Updated Claims	- Cleaning Evaluation – Electro Lube NXT impact on cleaning of robotic instruments. Electro Lube NXT does not impact cleaning of robotic electrosurgery instruments. - Thermal Spread Evaluation - Comparison of thermal spread profiles between EL NXT and uncoated electrode on robotic assisted surgery system.	N/A
Biocompatibility	Acute Systemic Toxicity Dermal Sensitization Intracutaneous Reactivity In Vitro Cytotoxicity Rabbit Pyrogenicity Hemolysis	Acute Systemic Toxicity Dermal Sensitization Intracutaneous Reactivity In Vitro Cytotoxicity Rabbit Pyrogenicity Hemolysis

3. Description of Device

Electro Lube NXT is a single-use sterile electrosurgical accessory device intended to be used on electrosurgical electrodes to reduce sticking. It is intended to be used by professional practitioners of electrosurgery in clinical environments where electrosurgery is performed.

Electro Lube NXT is sterilized by irradiation and provided to the end user in an individual sterile barrier package with one bottle containing 4mL of the solution and one foam pad for application of the solution during use included in each pack. The foam pad includes an adhesive backing and barium filament strand of material for radiopacity.

4. Intended Use/Indications for Use

Electro Lube NXT is a single patient use device used in open and minimally-invasive surgery to reduce tissue sticking and eschar on electrosurgical instruments, including robotic-assisted electrosurgical instruments.

5. Summary of Nonclinical Tests

Electro Lube NXT has the same intended use and technological characteristics that do not raise different questions of safety and effectiveness as compared to the predicate device. Testing to assess and demonstrate substantial equivalence to the predicate is summarized below.

Test	Criterion
Evaluation of Appearance	The material is clear and homogenous without any particulate
Evaluation of Product Odor Profile	odor profile of Electro Lube NXT is equivalent or better than the odor profile of the predicate
Evaluation of Product Viscosity and Coating	The material visually coats the electrode as well or superior to the coating applied by the predicate and that Electro Lube NXT does not drip more frequently than the predicate.
Evaluation of Cutting Force and Impedance	the cutting force required for an electrode coated in Electro Lube NXT is not more than the cutting force required for a bare electrode.
Evaluation of Electrode Adherence to Tissue	no greater weight loss when an electrode coated in Electro Lube NXT is removed from the tissue as compared to that which occurs when the bare electrode is removed from tissue
Evaluation of Ease of Product Removal	Percentage of product removed by wiping is higher or not statistically different from the predicate device removal
Evaluation of Ease of Eschar Removal	Percentage of eschar removal after tissue burns using a blade electrode is with product is higher or not significantly different from the eschar removed from an uncoated blade
Evaluation of Potential for the Evolution of Hazardous Scenario	No observance of hazardous situations (fire, ESU fault) resulting from repeated use of product to cut tissue
Flash Point Determination- Closed Cup Method	Flashpoint greater than 200°F
Evaluation of Pourability/Dispensing	Pourability equivalent or better than predicate.
Evaluation of Sponge Interaction	Applicator sponge incorporates product, does not become discolored, exhibits no damage and does not leave particulate on electrosurgical instruments
Reprocessing Validation Testing	Use of product does not prevent cleaning of electrosurgical instruments, including robotic assisted surgical instruments, to accepted thresholds
Thermal Spread Evaluation	Thermal damage associated with the tested electrosurgery tools (irrigating bipolar forceps, blade electrodes, IS4000

Test	Criterion
	Cautery Spatula) were not negatively impacted by the use of Electro Lube NXT
Biocompatibility	Cytotoxicity – <i>MEM Elution</i>
	Sensitization – <i>Skin Sensitization Study in Guinea Pigs by Guinea Pig Maximization Test</i>
	Irritation – <i>EL201 Intracutaneous Reactivity Test in New Zealand White Rabbits</i>
	Acute Systemic Toxicity – <i>Acute Systemic Toxicity Test in Wistar Rats</i>
	Hemocompatibility – <i>ASTM Hemolysis Direct Contact and Extract Methods</i>
	Pyrogenicity – <i>Material Mediated Pyrogenicity Test in New Zealand White Rabbits</i>

6. Conclusion

Based on the intended uses, technological characteristics and non-clinical performance data, the proposed device is as safe, as effective and performs at least as well as the legally marketed predicate device K241055, Class II (21 CFR 878.4400), product code GEI.