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Re: K250996

Trade/Device Name: Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV plus

Regulation Number: 21 CFR 866.3981

Regulation Name: Device To Detect And Identify Nucleic Acid Targets In Respiratory Specimens
From Microbial Agents That Cause The SARS-CoV-2 Respiratory Infection And
Other Microbial Agents When In A Multi-Target Test

Regulatory Class: Class II

Product Code: QOF

Dated: March 31, 2025

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Dear Bansari Doshi:

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.

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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).

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All medical devices, including Class I and unclassified devices and combination product device constituent parts are required to be in compliance with the final Unique Device Identification System rule ("UDI Rule"). The UDI Rule requires, among other things, that a device bear a unique device identifier (UDI) on its label and package (21 CFR 801.20(a)) unless an exception or alternative applies (21 CFR 801.20(b)) and that the dates on the device label be formatted in accordance with 21 CFR 801.18. The UDI Rule (21 CFR 830.300(a) and 830.320(b)) also requires that certain information be submitted to the Global Unique Device Identification Database (GUDID) (21 CFR Part 830 Subpart E). For additional information on these requirements, please see the UDI System webpage at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/unique-device-identification-system-udi-system>.

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[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)

K250996

Device Name

Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV plus

Indications for Use (Describe)

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV plus test, performed on the GeneXpert Dx and GeneXpert Infinity Systems, is an automated multiplexed real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test intended for use in the simultaneous in vitro qualitative detection and differentiation of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), influenza A, influenza B, and/or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) viral RNA in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens collected from individuals with signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection. Clinical signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection due to SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV can be similar.

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV plus test is intended for use in the differential detection of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV RNA and aids in the diagnosis of COVID-19, influenza and/or RSV infections if used in conjunction with other clinical and epidemiological information, and laboratory findings. SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV viral RNA are generally detectable in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens during the acute phase of infection.

Positive results are indicative of the presence of the identified virus, but do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other pathogens not detected by the test. The agent (s) detected by the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV plus test may not be the definite cause of the disease.

Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV infection. The results of this test should not be used as the sole basis for diagnosis, treatment or other patient management decisions.

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
Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus***

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18 510(k) Summary

As required by 21 CFR Section 807.92(c).

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Device:

Trade name	Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i>
Common name	Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i>
Type of Test	Qualitative real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and detection test
Regulation number	21 CFR 866.3981, Multi-Target Respiratory Specimen
Classification name	Nucleic Acid Test Including SARS-CoV-2 and Other Microbial
Product code	Agents. QOF
Secondary Product Code	OOI
Classification Advisory Panel	Microbiology (83)
Prescription Use	Yes
Predicate Device Assay:	Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> (K231481)

18.1 Device Description

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test is an automated *in vitro* diagnostic test for the simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, Flu A, Flu B, and RSV viral RNA in nasopharyngeal swab (NPS) and anterior nasal swab (NS) specimens collected from individuals showing signs and symptoms of respiratory viral infection.

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test is performed on GeneXpert Instrument Systems (GeneXpert Dx, GeneXpert Infinity-48s and GeneXpert Infinity-80 systems, GeneXpert System with Touchscreen), which consist of an instrument, computer or touchscreen, and preloaded software for running tests and viewing the results. The GeneXpert Instrument Systems automate and integrate sample preparation, nucleic acid extraction and amplification, and detection of the target sequences in simple or complex samples using real-time reverse transcription (RT)-polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and PCR technology. Depending on the instrument, the GeneXpert Instrument Systems can have from 1 and up to 80 randomly accessible modules, each capable of performing separate sample preparation and real-time RT-PCR and PCR tests. Each module contains a syringe drive for dispensing fluids (*i.e.*, the syringe drive activates the plunger that works in concert with the rotary valve in the cartridge to move fluids between chambers), an ultrasonic horn for lysing cells or spores, and a proprietary I-CORE® thermocycler for performing real-time RT-PCR and PCR as well as detection. The systems require the use of single-use disposable cartridges that hold the RT-PCR reagents and host sample purification, nucleic acid amplification, and detection of the target sequences. Because the cartridges are self-contained, cross-contamination between samples is minimized.

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test includes reagents for the detection of SARS-CoV-2, Flu A, Flu B and RSV viral RNA from NPS and NS specimens. The primers and probes in the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test are designed to amplify and detect unique sequences in the genes that encode the following proteins: SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid (N), SARS-CoV-2 envelope (E), SARS-CoV-2 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRP), influenza A matrix (M), influenza A basic polymerase (PB2), influenza A acidic protein (PA), influenza B matrix (M), influenza B non-structural protein (NS), and the RSV A and RSV B nucleocapsid.

A Sample Processing Control (SPC) and a Probe Check Control (PCC) are also included in the cartridge utilized by the GeneXpert instrument. The SPC is present to control for adequate processing of the sample and to monitor for the presence of potential inhibitor(s) in the RT-PCR reaction. The SPC also ensures that the RT-PCR reaction conditions (temperature and time) are appropriate for the amplification reaction and that the RT-PCR reagents are functional. The PCC verifies reagent rehydration, PCR tube filling, and confirms that all reaction components are present in the cartridge including monitoring for probe integrity and dye stability.

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test is designed for use with NPS or NS specimens collected with nylon flocked swabs and placed into viral transport medium (VTM), Universal Transport Medium (UTM), or eNAT®. The ancillary specimen collection kits, swabs and transport media validated for use with the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test included:

- **Nasopharyngeal Sample Collection Kit for Viruses**
 - Copan UTM® 3C057N (Flexible Minitip Flocked Swab with UTM® Medium without Beads)
 - Copan eNAT® Molecular Collection and Preservation Medium P/N 6U074S01 (Flexible Minitip Flocked Swab with eNAT® Medium)
 - Becton Dickinson Universal Viral Transport Kit P/N 220531 (Flexible Minitip Flocked Swab with UVT Medium)
- **Nasal Sample Collection Kit for Viruses**
 - Copan UTM® 3C064N (Regular Flocked Swab with UTM® Medium without Beads)
 - Copan eNAT® Molecular Collection and Preservation Medium P/N 6U073S01 (Regular Flocked Swab with eNAT® Medium)
- **Alternatively, swabs and transport media can be obtained separately:**
 - Nylon flocked swab (Copan P/N 502CS01, 503CS01)
 - Viral Transport Medium, 3 mL (Copan P/N 330C, 3C047N, BD Universal Transport Medium, Remel M4RT, or Remel M5)

The ancillary reagents allow NPS and NS specimens from patients to be collected, preserved and transported to laboratory prior to analysis with the Xpert Xpress CoV 2/Flu/RSV *plus* test.

18.2 Device Intended Use

The Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test, performed on the GeneXpert® Dx and GeneXpert® Infinity Systems, is an automated multiplexed real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test intended for use in the simultaneous *in vitro* qualitative detection and differentiation of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), influenza A, influenza B, and/or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) viral RNA in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens collected from individuals with signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection. Clinical signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection due to SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV can be similar.

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test is intended for use in the differential detection of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV RNA and aids in the diagnosis of COVID-19, influenza and/or RSV infections if used in conjunction with other clinical and epidemiological information, and laboratory findings. SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV viral RNA are generally detectable in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens during the acute phase of infection.

Positive results are indicative of the presence of the identified virus, but do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other pathogens not detected by the test. The agent (s) detected by the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test may not be the definite cause of the disease.

Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV infection. The results of this test should not be used as the sole basis for diagnosis, treatment or other patient management decisions.

18.3 Technical Characteristics

The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test has the same technological characteristics as the predicate device.

18.4 Substantial Equivalence

The purpose of this Special 510(k) submission is to support design changes to the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test which require modifications of the parameter settings in the Assay Definition File (ADF). These modifications include turning off the Signal Loss Detection (SLD) setting for the Flu B channel and revising the result reporting algorithm for the SARS-CoV-2 only test mode.

Table 18-1 shows the similarities and **Table 18-2** shows the differences between the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test and predicate device. The differences between Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test and predicate device do not raise different questions of safety and effectiveness.

Table 18-1. Similarities Between Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* and the Predicate Device

Similarities		
Attribute	Subject Device	Predicate Device
	Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> (Modified Design)	Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> (K231481)
Regulation	Same	21 CFR 866.3981 Devices to detect and identify nucleic acid targets in respiratory samples from microbial agents that cause the SARS-CoV-2 respiratory infection and other microbial agents when in a multi-analyte test
Product Code	Same	QOF Multi-target respiratory specimen nucleic acid test including SARS-CoV-2 and other microbial agents
Device Class	Same	II (Special Controls)
Technology/ Detection	Same	Real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-qPCR)
Intended Use	The Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> test, performed on the GeneXpert® Dx and GeneXpert® Infinity Systems, is an automated multiplexed real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test intended for use in the simultaneous <i>in vitro</i> qualitative detection	The Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> test, performed on the GeneXpert® Dx and GeneXpert® Infinity Systems, is an automated multiplexed real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test intended for use in the simultaneous <i>in vitro</i> qualitative detection

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Attribute	Subject Device	Predicate Device
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	and differentiation of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), influenza A, influenza B, and/or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) viral RNA in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens collected from individuals with signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection. Clinical signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection due to SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV can be similar. The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> is test intended for use in the differential detection of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV RNA and aids in the diagnosis of COVID-19, influenza and/or RSV infections if used in conjunction with other clinical and epidemiological information, and laboratory findings. SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV viral RNA are generally detectable in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of the identified virus, but do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other pathogens not detected by the test. The agent (s) detected by the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> test may not be the definite cause of the disease. Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV infection. The results of this test should not be used as the sole basis for diagnosis, treatment or other patient management decisions.	and differentiation of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), influenza A, influenza B, and/or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) viral RNA in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens collected from individuals with signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection. Clinical signs and symptoms of respiratory tract infection due to SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV can be similar. The Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> is intended for use in the differential detection of SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV RNA and aids in the diagnosis of COVID-19, influenza and/or RSV infections if used in conjunction with other clinical and epidemiological information, and laboratory findings. SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B, and RSV viral RNA are generally detectable in nasopharyngeal swab and anterior nasal swab specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of the identified virus, but do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other pathogens not detected by the test. The agent (s) detected by the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> test may not be the definite cause of the disease. Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2, influenza A, influenza B and/or RSV infection. The results of this test should not be used as the sole basis for diagnosis, treatment or other patient management decisions.
Assay Targets	Same	SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, Influenza B, RSV viral RNA
Specimen Type	Same	- Nasopharyngeal swab (NPS) - Anterior nasal swab (NS)
Transport Media	Same	- Universal Transport Medium (UTM) / Viral Transport Medium (VTM) - eNAT

Similarities		
Attribute	Subject Device	Predicate Device
	Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> (Modified Design)	Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> (K231481)
Test Format	Same	Single Use
Automation	Same	Automated Nucleic Acid Extraction, Detection and Results Interpretation
Assay Results	Same	Qualitative
Internal Control	Same	Sample Processing Control (SPC) Probe Check Control (PCC)
Instrument Systems	Same	Cepheid GeneXpert® Instrument Systems (GeneXpert Dx System, GeneXpert Infinity System, GeneXpert System with Touchscreen)
GeneXpert Software	Same	- GeneXpert Dx software - GeneXpert Xpertise software - Cepheid OS software
Time to Result	Same	~ 36 min or less for sample preparation and RT-PCR

Table 18-2. Differences Between Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* and the Predicate Device

Differences		
Attribute	Subject Device	Predicate Device
	Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> (Modified Design)	Xpert® Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV <i>plus</i> (K231481)
Assay Definition File	Signal Loss Detection (SLD) Turned off in the Flu B channel	Signal Loss Detection (SLD) Turned on in the Flu B channel
	The rules table for Xpress SARS-CoV-2 only test mode reports an INVALID GeneXpert test result if the analyte result for SARS-CoV-2 is INVALID and for SPC is FAIL (i.e., the SPC does not have a valid Ct)	The rules table for Xpress SARS-CoV-2 only test mode reports a SARS-CoV-2 NEGATIVE GeneXpert test result if the analyte result for SARS-CoV-2 is INVALID and for SPC is FAIL (i.e., the SPC does not have a valid Ct)

18.5 Summary of Performance Data

The performance of the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test with the updated ADF was assessed by re-analyzing verification and validation data from the original studies. The analytical and clinical studies data generated with the original design (K231481), were reanalyzed and compared to data generated using the updated ADF with the SLD setting for the Flu B channel turned off. The comparison of 15,645 analytical test results and 9,525 (8,535 specimens and 990 controls) clinical, reproducibility-precision, and single-site precision test results demonstrated that the numbers of valid test runs and non-determinate (ND) test results were the same between the original ADF and the updated ADF with Flu B SLD Off. All non-determinate GeneXpert ERROR test results with error code 5011 (SLD) were changed to NO RESULT.

Additionally, a study was conducted to verify the revised algorithm for the Xpress SARS-CoV-2 plus only test mode. Test cartridges were simulated to generate SARS-CoV-2 INVALID and SPC FAIL conditions. The revised algorithm produced the expected INVALID GeneXpert test results for the Xpress SARS-CoV-2 plus test mode.

The assessment of the re-analysis results determined that the performance claims of the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test were not impacted by the modifications made to the predicate device.

18.6 Conclusion

The results of the re-analysis of verification and validation studies demonstrated that the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* test when performed with an updated ADF is substantially equivalent to the original design of the Xpert Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV *plus* (K231481, the predicate device).