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Re: K252207

Trade/Device Name: ABL90 FLEX PLUS System, safeCLINITUBES

Regulation Number: 21 CFR 862.1120

Regulation Name: Blood gases (PCO<sub>2</sub>, PO<sub>2</sub>) and blood pH test system

Regulatory Class: Class II

Product Code: CHL, GKR, JKA

Dated: March 10, 2026

Received: March 10, 2026

Dear Andrea Swingle:

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 Management System Regulation (QMSR) (21 CFR Part 820), which includes, but is not limited to, ISO 13485 clause 7.3 (Design controls), ISO 13484 clause 8.3 (Nonconforming product), and ISO 13485 clause 8.5 (Corrective and preventative action). Please note that regardless of whether a change requires premarket review, the QMSR requires device manufacturers to review and approve changes to device design and production (ISO 13485 clause 7.3 and 21 CFR 820.70) and document changes and approvals in the Medical Device File (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 and Part 809); 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 Management System Regulation (QMSR) (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.

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>.

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->

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K252207

Device Name  
ABL90 FLEX PLUS System  
safeCLINITUBES

### Indications for Use (Describe)

The ABL90 FLEX PLUS System is an in vitro diagnostic, portable, automated analyzer that quantitatively measures:

- blood gas (pCO<sub>2</sub>) in heparinized arterial, venous and capillary whole blood, and
- pH and oximetry (ctHb) in heparinized capillary whole blood.

The ABL90 FLEX PLUS System is intended for use by trained technologists, nurses, physicians and therapists. It is intended for use in a laboratory environment, near patient, or point-of-care setting.

These tests are only performed under a physician's order.

pH and pCO<sub>2</sub>: pH and pCO<sub>2</sub> measurements are used in the diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening acid-base disturbances.

ctHb (Total Hemoglobin): Total hemoglobin measurements are used to measure the hemoglobin content of whole blood for the detection of anemia in venous and arterial whole blood. Capillary whole blood is used to estimate the presence of ctHb.

safeCLINITUBES are intended for the collection, mixing, and dispensing of capillary whole blood samples on the ABL90 FLEX PLUS System.

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 – K252207

The information provided in this 510(k) summary is in accordance with 21 CFR 807.92.

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### Device Information

Device Trade Name: ABL90 FLEX PLUS System  
safeCLINITUBES  
Common Name: Blood Gas Analyzer  
Regulations: - 21 CFR 862.1120, *Blood gases (pCO<sub>2</sub>, pO<sub>2</sub>) and blood pH test system*  
- 21 CFR 864.5620, *Automated hemoglobin system*  
- 21 CFR 862.1675, *Blood specimen collection device*  
Product Codes: CHL, GKR, JKA  
Device Class: Class II

### Predicate Device

Device Trade Name: ABL90 FLEX PLUS  
Common Name: Blood Gas Analyzer  
510(k) K160153  
Regulations: - 21 CFR 862.1120, *Blood gases (pCO<sub>2</sub>, pO<sub>2</sub>) and blood pH test system*  
- 21 CFR 864.5620, *Automated hemoglobin system*  
Product Codes: CHL, GKR  
Device Class: Class II  
Classification Panels: Clinical Chemistry: CHL  
Hematology: GKR

## Device Description

The ABL90 FLEX PLUS System consists of the ABL90 FLEX PLUS analyzer, sensor cassette and solution pack consumables, and related accessories for the analyzer. The ABL90 FLEX PLUS is a portable, automated system intended for in vitro testing.

The ABL90 FLEX PLUS System has an automated sample inlet mechanism, which can collect blood through three different measuring modes: the S65 syringe mode, the SP65 short probe mode, and the C65 capillary mode.

*safeCLINITUBES* are 70µL, 100µL and 125µL plastic capillary tubes with electrolyte-balanced heparin, mixing wires and end caps.

## Intended Use

The ABL90 FLEX PLUS System is an in vitro diagnostic, portable, automated analyzer that quantitatively measures:

- blood gas ( $pCO_2$ ) in heparinized arterial, venous and capillary whole blood, and
- pH and oximetry (ctHb) in heparinized capillary whole blood.

The ABL90 FLEX PLUS System is intended for use by trained technologists, nurses, physicians and therapists. It is intended for use in a laboratory environment, near patient, or point-of-care setting.

These tests are only performed under a physician's order.

**pH and  $pCO_2$ :** pH and  $pCO_2$  measurements are used in the diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening acid-base disturbances.

**ctHb (Total Hemoglobin):** Total hemoglobin measurements are used to measure the hemoglobin content of whole blood for the detection of anemia in venous and arterial whole blood. Capillary whole blood is used to estimate the presence of ctHb.

*safeCLINITUBES* are intended for the collection, mixing, and dispensing of capillary whole blood samples on the ABL90 FLEX PLUS System.

## Substantial Equivalence Comparison

Table 1: Substantial Equivalence Comparison

	<b>Subject device: ABL90 FLEX PLUS System (K252207)</b>	<b>Predicate device: ABL90 FLEX PLUS (510(k) K160153)</b>
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Radiometer Medical ApS	Radiometer Medical ApS

	<b>Subject device: ABL90 FLEX PLUS System (K252207)</b>	<b>Predicate device: ABL90 FLEX PLUS (510(k) K160153)</b>
<b>Intended Use/ Indications for Use</b>	The ABL90 FLEX PLUS is a portable, automated system intended for in vitro testing that quantitatively measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood gas (<math>pCO_2</math>) in heparinized capillary, arterial, and venous whole blood</li> <li>pH and oximetry (ctHb) in heparinized capillary whole blood</li> </ul>	The ABL90 FLEX PLUS analyzer is an in vitro diagnostic, portable, automated analyzer that quantitatively measures pH, blood gases, electrolytes, glucose, lactate and oximetry in heparinized whole blood, and neonatal bilirubin in heparinized capillary, arterial and venous whole blood.
<b>Intended use environment</b>	Laboratory environment, near patient or point-of-care setting	Laboratory environment, near patient or point-of-care setting
<b>Prescription/OTC Use</b>	Prescription	Prescription
<b>Sample requirements</b>		
<b>Sample type</b>	Heparinized whole blood (arterial, venous, capillary)	Heparinized whole blood
<b>Compatible sampling devices</b>	Radiometer samplers (in S65 and C65 modes) and non-Radiometer samplers (in SP65 and C65 modes)	Radiometer samplers (in S65 and C65 modes) and non-Radiometer samplers (in SP65 and C65 modes)
<b>Sample volume</b>	65 $\mu$ L	65 $\mu$ L
<b>Sample preparation</b>	With balanced heparin anticoagulant	With balanced heparin anticoagulant
<b>Device design</b>		
<b>Operating principles</b>	Potentiometry: pH and $pCO_2$	Potentiometry: pH and $pCO_2$
	Spectrophotometry: ctHb	Spectrophotometry: ctHb
<b>Consumables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensor cassette</li> <li>Solution pack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensor cassette</li> <li>Solution pack</li> </ul>
<b>Performance characteristics</b>		
<b>Reportable ranges</b>	pH: 6.818 - 7.797	pH: 6.818 - 7.797
	$pCO_2$ : 15.4-98.3 mmHg	$pCO_2$ : 15.4-98.3 mmHg
	ctHb: 0.1 - 24.0 g/dL	ctHb: 0.1 - 24.0 g/dL

## Analytical Performance Testing Summary

The ABL90 FLEX PLUS System has been tested for analytical performance, including tests for linearity, limit of blank, detection and quantification, precision, bias, interference, and stability. The tests were conducted in general accordance with Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) guidelines, all of which are FDA-recognized consensus standards.

### Linearity

Linearity testing was conducted in general accordance with CLSI EP06, *Evaluation of the Linearity of Quantitative Measurement Procedures*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition and EP39, *A Hierarchical Approach to Selecting Surrogate Samples for the Evaluation of In Vitro Medical Laboratory Tests*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. The resulting linearity interval is listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Linearity results

Parameter	Linearity interval
pCO <sub>2</sub>	9.40 - 99.89 mmHg
	1.25 - 13.32 kPa

### Detection

Detection capability testing in terms of limit of quantitation (LoQ) was conducted in general accordance with CLSI EP17-A2, *Evaluation of Detection Capability for Clinical Laboratory Measurement Procedures*, and EP39, *A Hierarchical Approach to Selecting Surrogate Samples for the Evaluation of In Vitro Medical Laboratory Tests*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. Table 3 shows the results of the detection testing.

Table 3: Detection results

Parameter	Unit	LoQ
pCO <sub>2</sub>	mmHg	8.9
	kPa	1.19

N/A: Not applicable

### Precision

Two precision studies were performed; all were in general accordance with CLSI EP05-A3, *Evaluation of Precision of Quantitative Measurement Procedures*.

#### *Precision using stable, aqueous ampoule-based QC material*

The primary endpoints of the study were repeatability and within laboratory precision for pooled across several sites. The sample material was Radiometer QUALICHECK5+ QC ampoules, a QC material that comes in four "levels". Testing occurred at three external sites. Table 4 presents the data on the primary and secondary endpoints.

Table 4: Precision results using QC materials

Parameter	QC ampoule	N	Mean	Repeatability		Within Lab Precision		Reproducibility	
				SD	CV%	SD	CV%	SD	CV%
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	QC5+ L1	243	70.5	0.53	0.7	1.13	1.6	1.16	1.6
	QC5+ L2	244	42.7	0.23	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.50	1.2
	QC5+ L3	244	23.1	0.12	0.5	0.27	1.2	0.29	1.2
	QC5+ L4	244	97.3	1.17	1.2	1.81	1.9	2.08	2.1

N: Number of data points for analysis, SD: Standard Deviation, CV%: %Coefficient of Variation, QC5+ **LX**: QUALICHECK5+ Level **X**

*Precision using whole blood*

Two precision studies were performed in whole blood, one in whole blood and one in capillary whole blood. The scope of the studies were (a) S65 and SP65 modes for testing  $p\text{CO}_2$  and (b) C65 mode for testing  $p\text{CO}_2$  and the four parameters previously cleared in arterial and venous whole blood. The primary endpoint of the study was repeatability, designated *SD*, pooled across sites. The values of *SD* and *%CV* were calculated for all levels and parameters. The following tables summarize the results of the study, separated to distinguish between parameters tested in S65 and SP65 modes (Table 5) and parameters tested in C65 mode (Table 6).

Table 5: Precision results using whole blood:  $p\text{CO}_2$  in all modes

Parameter (unit)	N	Test interval	Mean	Repeatability	
				SD	CV%
S65 Mode					
$p\text{CO}_2$ (mmHg)	4	25 - <32	27.775	0.320	1.15
	166	32 - <48	40.417	0.271	0.67
	50	48 - <60	52.030	0.266	0.51
	26	60 - <80	67.908	0.495	0.73
SP65 Mode					
$p\text{CO}_2$ (mmHg)	4	25 - <32	29.375	1.005	3.42
	160	32 - <48	40.448	0.168	0.42
	50	48 - <60	51.742	0.231	0.45
	27	60 - <80	68.989	0.334	0.48
C65 Mode					
$p\text{CO}_2$ (mmHg)	6	25 - <32	29.700	0.208	0.70
	166	32 - <48	40.627	0.304	0.75
	46	48 - <60	52.389	0.403	0.77
	30	60 - <80	69.787	1.217	1.74

N: Number of data points for analysis, Test interval: Range of values studied, SD: Standard Deviation, CV%: %Coefficient of Variation

Table 6: Precision results using capillary whole blood in C65 mode

Parameter (unit)	N	Test interval	Mean	Repeatability	
				SD	CV%
pH (none)	78	7.270-7.456	7.374	0.0125	0.2
$p\text{CO}_2$ (mmHg)	78	29.3-61.2	42.2	1.63	3.9
ctHb (g/dL)	76	8.6-17.1	13.6	0.26	1.9

N: Number of data points for analysis, Test interval: Range of values studied, SD: Standard Deviation, CV%: %Coefficient of Variation

**Method comparison**

Bias was determined based on an analysis of a method comparison study conducted in general accordance with CLSI EP09c, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, *Measurement Procedure Comparison and Bias Estimation Using Patient Samples*. The comparator device was one of two different versions of the ABL90 FLEX PLUS analyzer (in terms of its characteristics related to analytical

performance) depending on type of parameter, sample type and mode being analyzed. Table 7 lists the 510(k) clearance associated with the comparator device.

Table 7: Comparator device for each parameter

Parameter(s)	Sample type(s)	Mode(s)	510(k) associated with comparator device
pCO <sub>2</sub>	Arterial, Venous, and Capillary	S65, SP65, C65	K160153
pH, ctHb	Capillary	C65	K240998

Analysis was performed by linear regression over the reportable range. Table 8 summarizes the results of the analysis for all blood types, modes, and sample types. Table 9 summarizes the results of arterial and venous blood combined for pCO<sub>2</sub>.

Table 8: Method comparison results, all modes and sample types

Parameter	Blood type	Mode	n	Min-max	Intercept	Slope	R <sup>2</sup>	MDLs	Bias at MDL	
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	A	S65	230	16.1-95	0.59	0.99	1.00	32	0.234	
								48	0.054	
		SP65	222	16.3-97.1	0.73	0.99	1.00	32	0.256	
								48	0.021	
		V	S65	239	16.1-95	0.55	0.99	1.00	32	0.177
									48	-0.007
	SP65		228	16.3-97.1	0.59	0.99	1.00	32	0.177	
								48	-0.029	
	C	C65	119	17-92.9	3.094	0.95	0.93	32	1.60	
								48	0.85	
	pH	C	C65	115	6.87-7.78	-0.118	1.01	0.93	7.35	-0.01
									7.45	-0.01
ctHb (g/dl)	C	C65	110	0.36-22	0.713	0.99	0.95	7	0.66	
								10	0.63	
								17.5	0.57	

N: Number of samples, A: Arterial, V: Venous, C: Capillary, Min-max: Range of values measured, MDL: Medical Decision Level/Medical Decision Point

Table 9: Method comparison results, arterial and venous combined, all medical decision levels

Parameter	n	Intercept	Slope	R <sup>2</sup>	Medical decision point	Bias at MD
<b>S65</b>						
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	446	0.55	0.99	1.0	32	0.20
					48	0.03
<b>SP65</b>						
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	429	0.60	0.99	1.0	32	0.21
					48	0.02

**Interference**

Measurement of  $p\text{CO}_2$  was tested for interfering substances based on testing conducted in general accordance with CLSI, EP07, *Interference Testing in Clinical Chemistry*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, and CLSI EP37, *Supplemental Tables for Interference Testing in Clinical Chemistry*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. Paired-difference study was conducted on Intralipid, hemolysis, bilirubin (unconjugated and conjugated), biotin, and propofol, using clinically significant amount of the interferents. No interference was observed.

**Conclusion**

The results above demonstrate the acceptable analytical performance of the ABL90 FLEX PLUS System and its substantial equivalence to the predicate.