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Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

Information supporting claims of substantial equivalence, as defined under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, respecting safety and effectiveness is summarized below.

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Name/Classification of Device:

Class II in 21 CFR § 878.5010, Nonabsorbable polypropylene surgical suture (GAW)

Trade Name:

NUVANCE* Facial Rejuvenation System or NUVANCE For Face

Predicate Devices:

PRONOVA* Suture
ENDOTINE Midface Device
FEATHERLIFT Threads
CONTOUR Threads

Statement of Intended Use:

NUVANCE* Facial Rejuvenation System is intended to fixate subdermal tissue in an elevated position in plastic and reconstructive surgery. The device may be used in areas such as the forehead, midface, jowls and neck.

Device Description:

NUVANCE For Face is a sterile implant typically used in minimally invasive face-lift and facial contouring procedures. It consists of a bi-directionally barbed polymer strand with a short and a long straight steel introducer attached at the ends. The device may be pigmented to enhance visibility.

The strand has barbed upper and lower anchoring sections with unbarbed smooth sections adjacent to the steel introducers. Upper and lower anchoring sections are barbed in opposite directions with a small unbarbed section between them. Two sizes and various lengths are available.

Summary of Technological Characteristics of New Device to Predicate Devices:

The modified device has similar technological characteristics as the predicate devices. Like currently marketed devices, it is a sterile, barbed implant intended for use in lifting and supporting soft tissue in the face and neck. Like several of the currently marketed devices, the proposed device is made

of nonabsorbable polymer. The polymer used is identical to that of PRONOVA* suture, currently marketed by Ethicon, Inc.

Performance Data:

Biological reactivity of the materials has been assessed using methods specified in ISO Standard 10993-1, and the material was found to be acceptable for its intended use. Results of functional performance testing (bench and animal testing) indicate that the proposed device meets or exceeds all functional requirements.

Conclusions:

Based on the similarities to the predicate devices identified in this submission, we conclude that the modified device is substantially equivalent to the predicate devices under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

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Re: K052953
Trade/Device Name: NUVANCE* Facial Rejuvenation System
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.5010
Regulation Name: Nonabsorbable polypropylene surgical suture
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: MXW
Dated: January 27, 2006
Received: January 30, 2006

Dear Ms. Paine:

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. 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.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such 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); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (240) 276-0115. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/industry/support/index.html.

Sincerely yours,

for Mark N. Melkerson, M.S.
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Enclosure

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Indications for Use

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Prescription Use X
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D) AND/OR Over-The-Counter Use _____
(21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

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(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General, Restorative,
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