DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Mr. Dave Kolesar
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Re: K000749
Trade Name: RhiGene MESACUP2 TEST - SSA
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: LLL
Dated: April 24, 2000
Received: April 28, 2000

Dear Mr. Kolesar:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we 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). 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 (Premarket Approval), 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 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 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 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4588. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html".

Sincerely yours,

Steven Gutman

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Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known): K000749

Device Name: RhiGene MESACUP2 TEST - SSA

Indications for Use:

SSA antibody is an ENA antibody present in high frequency (88-96%) in the sera of patients with Sjögren's Syndrome (SS) and SLE (24-60%). SSA is also sometimes found in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Myositis and Scleroderma. SSB antibody is an ENA antibody present in high frequency (71-87%) in Sjögren's Syndrome and in lower frequency in SLE (9-35%).It has been confirmed that the SSA and SSB antibodies are identical with anti-Ro and anti-La respectively. SSB antibodies are frequently associated with SSA antibodies and are rarely detected alone. SSB antibodies are seen almost exclusively in women; and, the presence of both SSA and SSB antibodies in mothers and infants are associated with skin lesions, neonatal lupus and congenital heart block.

The RhiGene MESACUP2 TEST - SSA is a semi-quantitative enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for the detection of antibodies to SSA in human serum. The RhiGene MESACUP2 TEST - SSA is intended for *in vitro* diagnostic use as an aid in the determination of certain autoimmune diseases.

The RhiGene MESACUP2 TEST - SSA uses recombinant protein 60kDa, and purified native protein SSA/Ro for the solid phase antigen. Therefore, the test shows increased specificity for detection of specific autoantibodies present in the sera of patients with certain autoimmune diseases.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

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(Division Sign-Off)
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Prescription Use ✓
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter Use__

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