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The observations noted in this Form FDA-483 are not an exhaustive listing of objectionable conditions. Under the law, your firm is responsible for conducting internal self-audits to identify and correct any and all violations of the quality system requirements.

DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM WE OBSERVED:

OBSERVATION 1

A process whose results cannot be fully verified by subsequent inspection and test has not been adequately validated according to established procedures.

Specifically,

a.) The System 83 Plus (Washer/Disinfector) has a water inlet assembly (containing [D] filters cascading from [D] (4) microns) which is used to remove bacterial contamination. The firm has not validated the retention performance of the filtration assembly over worse case conditions to ensure that variations in water quality do not have an adverse effect on the operation of the system.

b.) The System 83 Plus has [D] (4) adapters (connector tubing) which are attached to endoscopes during reprocessing at user facilities. The pre-filters on the adapters have not been validated to determine the lifespan of the filters. The operator's manual for the System 83 Plus states that [D] (4) filters used on the [D] (4) adapters "must be replaced every six weeks or sooner if needed". The determination of when an [D] (4) filter is replaced is only based on the visual determination and the flow output of the adapters. The effectiveness of these filters prior to a user facility replacing the filters has not been evaluated by the firm.

c.) The different germicides/disinfectants used in the System 83 Plus have not been evaluated for compatibility within the reprocessing equipment. The operator's manual for the System 83 Plus states that, "Custom Ultrasonics does not recommend a specific HLD (High Level Disinfectant) other than to require it be FDA cleared and compatible with the System 83 Plus (Washer/Disinfector) components, operation and flexible endoscopes." The firm has not validated the compatibility of the System 83 Plus with the various disinfectants being used by user facilities in reprocessing their endoscopes to effectively demonstrate adequate reprocessing capabilities.
d. The firm did not perform a validation of specific duodenoscopes with a [redacted] channel (including the [redacted] after identifying additional challenges in reprocessing these scopes. From January 2013 to April 2015, the firm has received complaints of closed elevator endoscopes testing positive for bacterial cultures. The firm, however, did not validate these specific duodenoscopes within the System 83 Plus to address their capabilities of being reprocessed.
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Observation Annotations

Observation 1: Promised to correct.

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