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Medivators, Inc
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Attention: Mr. Kip Kippenhan, Ph. D.
Discovery and Development Director

Dear Dr. Kippenhan,

Quite some time ago, MediVators had requested and provided samples of a new liquid chemical germicide (Rapicide) to PPIC that was forwarded to our parent company, Asahi Optical Co. Ltd. (AOC), in Japan to perform material compatibility testing.

Based upon material compatibility studies performed by Pentax (AOC), Rapicide when used as a high-level disinfectant can be added to our list of Pentax compatible reprocessing systems/agents. Please note that inclusion of brand names on this list of Pentax compatible reprocessing agents is not necessarily an endorsement of a germicide's effectiveness, it simply means that providing that all manufacturers' instructions are followed, Rapicide should not damage the materials used in the construction of Pentax flexible endoscopes.

It should also be noted that Pentax, Japan did *not* perform tests to evaluate toxicity levels of residual Rapicide or to validate the ability to adequately rinse this germicide's residues from Pentax endoscope components. The manufacturer of the liquid chemical germicide is responsible for performing biocompatibility tests to support their compatibility claims with various medical devices after repeated reprocessing.

Sincerely,



Keith Nelson
Director, Technical Services