



UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4720

July 12, 2016

VIA E-mail

Mr. Amit D. Munshi
President and Chief Executive Officer
Arena Pharmaceuticals Inc.
6154 Nancy Ridge Drive,
San Diego, California 92121

Re: Arena Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015
Filed February 29, 2016
File No. 000-31161

Dear Mr. Munshi:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comment. In our comment, we ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this comment within 10 business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe the comment applies to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to this comment, we may have additional comments.

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1. For each of your collaboration agreements under which you are eligible to receive future milestone payments, please provide us the amount of each milestone and a description of its triggering event. Please also explain how you considered the disclosure guidance in ASC 605-28-50 for those arrangements that include milestone consideration.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

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In responding to our comment, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comment or changes to disclosure in response to staff comment do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comment as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact Bonnie Baynes, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-4924 or Angela M. Connell, Accounting Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3426 if you have questions regarding the comments. In this regard, do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 551-3679.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim B. Rosenberg

Jim B. Rosenberg
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant
Office of Healthcare and Insurance