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Mail Stop 4720

October 15, 2009

Garo H. Armen, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Antigenics Inc.  
162 Fifth Avenue, Suite 900  
New York, New York 10010

**Re: Antigenics Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008  
Filed March 16, 2009  
File Number 000-29089**

Dear Dr. Armen:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Riedler,  
Assistant Director