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Mail Stop 4720

January 6, 2010

Michael S. Weiss  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.  
750 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

**Re: Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008**  
**Filed March 31, 2009**  
**File No. 000-30929**

Dear Mr. Weiss:

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

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Riedler  
Assistant Director