

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

December 21, 2018

Costas Saroukos Chief Financial Officer Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited 1-1, Nihonbashi-Honcho 2 Chome Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8668 Japan

> Re: Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited Registration Statement on Form 20-F Filed on December 6, 2018 File No. 001-38757

Dear Mr. Saroukos:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Healthcare & Insurance

cc: Keiji Hatano, Esq.