



UNITED STATES  
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DIVISION OF  
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October 23, 2020

Jean-Pierre Sommadossi, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Atea Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
125 Summer Street  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: Atea Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Form S-1  
Exhibit No. 10.8  
Filed October 23, 2020  
File No. 333-249404**

Dear Dr. Sommadossi:

You have redacted information from the exhibit identified above asserting that the redacted information is not material and would cause competitive harm if publicly disclosed. For us to assess your compliance with the form requirements, please supplementally provide us, within five business days, with an unredacted paper copy (marked to show where you have redacted information in your public filing) of the exhibit identified above.

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We will notify you of any comments we may have or that we have concluded our assessment of your compliance with the form.

Sincerely,

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