

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

June 8, 2022

Samuel P. Wertheimer, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer Brookline Capital Acquisition Corp. 280 Park Avenue, Suite 43W New York, NY 10017

Re: Brookline Capital Acquisition Corp.

Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-4

Filed May 24, 2022

File No. 333-264222

Dear Dr. Wertheimer:

We have reviewed your amended registration statement and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments. Unless we note otherwise, our references to prior comments are to comments in our May 10, 2022 letter.

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Questions and Answers About the Business Combination Q: Who is Apexigen ?, page 13

1. We note your response to prior comment 7 and reissue in part. We note you continue to describe your APX601 product candidate as having "potent anti-tumor activity" throughout. Please revise this disclosure and similar statements that imply that your product candidate is effective or likely to be approved. You may present objective data resulting from your preclinical and clinical testing without concluding efficacy.

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# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT OF BCAC AND THE COMBINED COMPANY, page 200

2. Please revise your table to identify the natural person(s) that has voting and/or dispositive control over the shares held by the entities listed in your table on page 201.

## <u>Information About Apexigen</u> Our Wholly Owned Pipeline, page 204

3. We note your disclosure on page 210 that, "given the cost of running a subsequent trial of the combination of sotiga with neoadjuvant chemoradiation in esophageal and GEJ cancers, [y]our current resources and priorities for sotiga and the low incidence of esophageal and GEJ cancer in the United States, [you] expect that for the foreseeable future [you] will not independently develop sotiga in this combination and setting." Please revise the presentation in your pipeline table on page 204 to make clear that you do not expect to pursue this target indication.

#### Our Out-License Relationships, page 217

4. We note your response to prior comment 24, which we reissue in part. As applicable, with regard to any royalty term, disclose the anticipated expiry of the last to expire patent licensed under the agreement and the number of years following the first commercial sale. For example, we note your disclosure that Simcere is obligated to pay you milestone payments for achievement of certain clinical development milestones and low to high single-digit percentage royalties on net sales of BD0801 in China until the later of the "expiration of the last valid claim under the licensed intellectual property or a mid-teen number of years after the first commercial sale of BD0801."

### Background of the Business Combination, page 304

5. We note your response to prior comment 31 and your disclosure that BCAC management noted that since its last financing round, Apexigen's business had been negatively impacted by a number of factors, including "certain clinical trial data." In order for investors to be able to evaluate the conclusions of the BCAC Board, please revise to explain what clinical trial data was viewed as having negatively impacted Apexigen's business and how this aspect of Apexigen's business factored into the valuation.

#### Comparable Company Analysis, page 309

6. We note your response to prior comment 33 and revised graphic on page 310 and reissue in part. The graphic remains unclear and difficult to read. Please revise to ensure the graphic is legible.

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You may contact Li Xiao at 202-551-4391 or Jeanne Baker at 202-551-3691 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Jason Drory at 202-551-8342 or Christine Westbrook at 202-551-5019 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences

cc: Jeffrey C. Selman, Esq.