

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

July 20, 2010

## VIA U.S. MAIL AND FACSIMILE (269) 385-2066

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**Re:** Stryker Corporation

Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

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Dear Mr. Hall:

We have completed our review of your Annual Report on Form 10-K and do not have any further comments at this time. If you have any questions please contact Gabe Eckstein at (202) 551-3286.

Sincerely,

Russell Mancuso Branch Chief