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Mail Stop 4720

April 5, 2010

Richard A. Franco, Sr.
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Re: DARA Biosciences, Inc.
Preliminary Proxy Statement
Filed March 23, 2010
Revised Preliminary Proxy Statement
Filed April 2, 2010
File No. 000-23776

Dear Mr. Franco:

We have completed our review of the above listed filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Riedler
Assistant Director

cc: Mark R. Busch, K&L Gates LLP