

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

Mail Stop 4546

October 2, 2017

Bart Filius Chief Financial Officer Galapagos NV Generaal De Wittelaan L11 A3 2800 Mechelen, Belgium

Re: Galapagos NV

Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

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Dear Mr. Filius:

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,

/s/ Erin K. Jaskot, for

Suzanne Hayes Assistant Director Office of Healthcare and Insurance