

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

September 21, 2023

Alexandra MacLean, M.D. Chief Executive Officer Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. 1111 Kane Concourse, Suite 301 Bay Harbor Islands, Florida 33154

> Re: Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-1 Filed September 18, 2023 File No. 333-274562

Dear Alexandra MacLean:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. 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.

Please contact Joshua Gorsky at 202-551-7836 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences

cc: David S. Wolpa