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June 21, 2017

VIA EDGAR

United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549
Attn: Mr. Jeffrey Gabor

Via: *EDGAR Submission*

**Re: Avenue Therapeutics, Inc.
Acceleration Request re. Registration Statement, as amended, on Form S-1
(File No. 333-217552)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as the representative of the several underwriters (the "Representative") hereby joins in the request of Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. that the request for acceleration of the effective date of the above-referenced Registration Statement so that it would be declared effective at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday, June 15, 2017, be withdrawn.

Should you have any questions regarding the forgoing request for withdrawal, please contact Edward Newman at (212) 885-1825.

Very truly yours,

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

As Representative of the several underwriters named in
Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement

By: /s/ Ed Newman

Name: Ed Newman

Title: Managing Director
