



UNITED STATES
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DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

August 23, 2016

Jack W. Callicutt
Chief Financial Officer
Galectin Therapeutics Inc.
4960 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 240
Norcross, Georgia 30071

**Re: Galectin Therapeutics Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed August 15, 2016
File No. 333-213138**

Dear Mr. Callicutt:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to the issue we have addressed in our comment.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comment applies to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to this comment, we may have additional comments.

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1. We note that you have incorporated by reference your Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and that your Form 10-K incorporates Part III information by reference to your definitive proxy statement. We also note that instead of providing Part III information in a definitive proxy statement, you provided it in a Form 10-K/A filed on April 29, 2016. Please revise your registration statement to incorporate by reference the Form 10-K/A filed on April 29, 2016.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

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Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

Please contact Christina Thomas at (202) 551-3577 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph McCann for

Suzanne Hayes
Assistant Director
Office of Healthcare and Insurance

cc: Robert E. Tritt
Dentons US LLP