

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

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Harry S. Palmin President and Chief Executive Officer Novelos Therapeutics, Inc. One Gateway Center, Suite 504 Newton, Massachusetts 02458

Re: Novelos Therapeutics, Inc. Form 10-K

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Dear Mr. Palmin:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Riedler Assistant Director