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Mr. Michael G. McGuinness Chief Financial Officer Manhattan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 48 Wall Street, 11th Floor New York, New York 10005

Re: Manhattan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Schedule 14A

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Dear Mr. McGuinness:

We have completed our review of your preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

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