

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

September 22, 2010

Mr. Ron Zwanziger Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President Alere Inc. 51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200 Waltham, MA 02453

Re: Alere Inc.

Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009

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Dear Mr. Zwanziger:

We have completed our review of the above filing and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Gus Rodriguez Accounting Branch Chief