

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

October 19, 2020

Hans T. Schambye Chief Executive Officer Galecto, Inc. Ole Maaloes Vej 3 DK-2200 Copenhagen N Denmark

Re: Galecto, Inc.

Registration Statement on Form S-1 Filed October 7, 2020

File No. 333-249369

Dear Dr. Schambye:

We have reviewed your registration statement and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply 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 these comments, we may have additional comments.

## Registration Statement on Form S-1

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Judgments and Estimates
Equity-Based Compensation, page 100

1. We reference your response to prior comment 7 with regard to the valuation of the stock options issued on June 24, 2020. We note that you used the April 30, 2020 option pricing method valuation to value the underlying shares. Please tell us how you considered updating the valuation for the period from April 30, 2020 through June 24, 2020, including what consideration you gave to any changes in your business or the economic environment during that time.

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2. Please disclose the methods that management used to determine the fair value of the company's shares and the nature of the material assumptions involved for the stock options issued in 2020 as noted in your response to prior comment 7.

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact Kristin Lochhead at 202-551-3664 or Kate Tillan at 202-551-3604 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Donald Field at 202-551-3680 or Susan Block at 202-551-3210 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences