

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

August 17, 2010

Joshua Kazam Chief Executive Officer Nile Therapeutics, Inc. 4 West 4th Ave. Suite 400 San Mateo, California 94402

Re: Nile Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

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Dear Mr. Kazam:

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

Sincerely,

Joel Parker Accounting Branch Chief