Stephen P. Carey Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 210 Main Street West Baudette, MN 56623

> Re: ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017 Filed February 27, 2018 File No. 001-31812

Dear Mr. Carey:

We have reviewed your September 18, 2018 response to our comment letter and have the  $\,$ 

following comment. In our comment we ask you to provide us with information so we may

better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this comment within ten business days by providing the requested  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our

comment applies to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to the comment, we may have additional comments.

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5. Intangible Assets

Definite-lived Intangible Assets

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We acknowledge your response to comment 1 in our letter dated September
 2018.

With respect to the Product Rights Acquired from AstraZeneca, your response does not

consider risks, other than marketing and promotional risks. At a minimum, please address

the following potential risks:

The drugs are intended to treat significantly different conditions which bear the risk of

potentially different long-term side effects. Branded drugs are subject to litigation  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1$ 

which may not occur for years after being marketed;

Each drug has a significantly different potential customer base with different

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regulatory risks;

Each drug has different risks with respect to being on drug

formulary lists; and
Although the products have been marketed for more than 17 years, the competition

differs for each of the different drugs, despite the lack of promotional activity for the drugs.

In light of the risks, other than marketing and promotional risk, please tell us why you  $\,$ 

believe the product rights acquired from AstraZeneca do not have significantly different

risk characteristics and thus meet the "practical screen" test in ASC 805-10-55-5A through

55-5C. If the acquisitions do not meet the "practical screen test" please address each of

the criteria in ASC 805-10-55-5E in determining whether or not a substantive process was

acquired, that together with the input acquired, significantly contribute to the ability to

create outputs.

You may contact Vanessa Robertson at 202-551-3649 or Mary Mast at 202-551-  $\,$ 

3613 with any questions.

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