May 20, 2020

Bill White CFO and Head of Corporate Development Akero Therapeutics, Inc. 170 Harbor Way, 3rd Floor South San Francisco, California 94080

Inc.

Statement on Form S-1

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Dear Mr. White:

Re: Akero Therapeutics,

Draft Registration

Submitted May 15,

CIK No. 0001744659

This is to advise you

that we do not intend to review your registration statement.

We request that you publicly file your registration statement no later than 48 hours prior  $\,$ 

to the requested effective date and time. Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for  $\,$ 

acceleration. 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.

Please contact Courtney

Lindsay at (202) 551-7237 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance
Office of Life Sciences