

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

August 26, 2013

<u>Via E-mail</u> Scott Wolchko Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer Fate Therapeutics, Inc. 3535 General Atomics Court, Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92121

> Re: Fate Therapeutics, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-1 Filed August 14, 2013 File No. 333-190608

Dear Mr. Wolchko:

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.

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1. Please revise your pro forma disclosure to specifically disclose the beneficial conversion feature charge you expect to record upon the conversion of your 2013 Notes. It is apparent from your disclosure in Note 4 on page F-23 that you recorded a debt discount associated with the June 2013 Notes. In your disclosure and response, please clarify whether you expect to record a debt discount for your similar notes issued in August 2013 as disclosed in Note 9 on page F-35. If not, please tell us why not.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made. Scott Wolchko Fate Therapeutics, Inc. August 26, 2013 Page 2

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact Tabatha Akins at (202) 551-3658 or Mark Brunhofer at (202) 551-3638 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Christina De Rosa at (202) 551-3577 or me at (202) 551-3715 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeffrey P. Riedler

Jeffrey P. Riedler Assistant Director

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