J rn Aldag Chief Executive Officer HOOKIPA Pharma Inc. 430 East 29th Street, 14th Floor New York, NY 10016

Re: HOOKIPA Pharma Inc.

Draft Registration Statement on Form S-1

Submitted December 14, 2018 and

Amendment No. 1 to Draft Registration Statement on Form S-1

Submitted on January 17, 2019

File No. 377-02414

Dear Mr. Aldag:

We have reviewed your draft 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 providing the requested information and either submitting $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

an amended draft registration statement or publicly filing your registration statement on $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$

 ${\tt EDGAR.}$ 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 the information you provide in response to these comments and your $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

amended draft registration statement or filed registration statement, we may have additional comments.

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Prospectus Summary Our Pipeline, page 3

1. We note your disclosure in the first paragraph on page 4 that "CD8+ T cell levels achieved $\ \ \,$

in [y]our trial were in the range of, or higher than, the therapeutic levels those published $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right$

by third parties, in separately designed and conducted clinical trials, using adoptive T cell

transfer approaches for the same antigen." Please tell us whether you conducted studies of

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HB}\text{-}\mathsf{101}}$ on a head to head basis. If not, please remove this comparison from your

disclosure or tell us why you believe this comparison is appropriate.

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compound in your pipeline. In this regard, we note your disclosure on page 120 about

your next generation product candidates, all of which appear to be at the most preliminary

states of development.

Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company, page 6

3. Please provide us with copies of all written communications, as defined in Rule 405

under the Securities Act, that you, or anyone authorized to do so on your behalf, present

to potential investors in reliance on Section 5(d) of the Securities $\mbox{\it Act},$ whether or not

they retain copies of the communications.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Intellectual property licenses, page 89

Please disclose either the percentage of the sublicense fees or a range of sublicense fees

percentages that you are obligated to pay under the license agreement with the University

of Basel.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of

Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates

Stock-based compensation , page 91

Please update your disclosure to clarify whether stock options were granted subsequent to

September 30, 2018.

Business, page 96

We note your references to "low-double digit percentage" on pages 89, 6.

90, 126, 127, and 128. Please revise your disclosure on each of the referenced pages to narrow the royalty

range to no more than ten percentage points (for example between twenty and thirty

percent).

HB-101 Preclinical Results, page 110

Please disclose and quantify all adverse events. In addition, please expand your disclosure

to clarify what you mean when you state on page 111 that "[t]here were no treatment-

related adverse events that resulted in early withdrawal from the trial," as this suggests

that there were other adverse events.

Exclusive Jurisdiction for Certain Actions, page 173

We note that your forum selection provision identifies the Court of Chancery of the State

of Delaware as the exclusive forum for certain litigation, including any "derivative

action." Please disclose whether this provision applies solely to state law claims. If it

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does not apply solely to state law claims, then please note that Section 27 of the Exchange

Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or

liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. If this

provision is intended to apply solely to state law claims, please also ensure that the

exclusive forum provision in the governing documents states this clearly. **Exhibits**

9. We note your references throughout the prospectus to funding agreements with agencies

of the Austrian government. Please file these agreements as exhibits to the registration

statement or tell us why believe they are not required to be filed.

You may contact Tabatha McCullom at (202) 551-3658 or Angela Connell at (202) 551-

3426 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related

matters. Please contact Tonya K. Aldave at (202) 551-3601 or Dietrich King at (202) 551-8071

with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert Puopolo, Esq.

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