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Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences

United States Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549 *Attention*: Anuja A. Majmudar and Karina Dorin

Re: Eli Lilly and Company Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 Response dated September 20, 2023 File No. 001-06351

Dear Anuja A. Majmudar and Karina Dorin,

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation through counsel with you on October 2, 2023 regarding our request for an extension of time to respond to your comment letter dated September 29, 2023. As discussed, we require additional time to prepare a response to your letter. As a result, we respectfully request that you allow us to submit our response by October 29, 2023.

If you have any questions about this response or require additional information, please contact me at (224) 234-2374.

Sincerely yours,

Eli Lilly and Company

By: /s/ Christopher Anderson

Associate Vice President - Leader of Corporate Securities and Assistant Secretary

cc: Donald A. Zakrowski, Senior Vice President, Finance, and Chief Accounting Officer Eli Lilly and Company