

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

August 22, 2018

Robert E. Hoffman Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President, Finance Heron Therapeutics, Inc. 4242 Campus Point Court, Suite 200 San Diego, California 92121

Re: Heron Therapeutics, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017
Filed February 27, 2018
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2018
Filed May 10, 2018
File No. 001-33221

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

We have completed our review of your filings. 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.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Healthcare & Insurance