September 3, 2020

Adam Stone Chief Executive Officer ARYA Sciences Acquisition Corp II 51 Astor Place, 10th Floor New York, NY 10003

Re: ARYA Sciences

Acquisition Corp II

Registration

Statement on Form S-4

Filed August 7,

2020

File No. 333-242135

Dear Mr. Stone:

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  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 

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  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

response.

 $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you}$ 

provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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Cover Page

Please disclose the expected ownership percentages of ARYA and Cerevel shareholders.
 We note that you wi.

2. We note that you will be issuing 78,000,000 shares of common stock to the equity holders of Cerevel in connection with the Business Combination. Please revise the cover page to provide the approximate value of the merger consideration. Please also disclose that the market value of the shares to be issued could vary significantly from the market value as

of the date of the

proxy statement/prospectus.

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Questions and Answers for Shareholders of ARYA

Q: What vote is required to approve each proposal at the extraordinary general meeting, page

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3. With reference to the Transaction Support Agreement discussed on page 15, please revise

to indicate: (i) the total number of shares that are subject to Transaction Support

 $\label{eq:Agreement} \mbox{Agreement, including the number of shares that must be voted in favor of each proposal in }$ 

order to earn approval.
Summary of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, page 1

4. We note your use of "rationally designed" on page 2 and throughout the prospectus.

5. We note your use of "potential for efficacy tolerance" on page 2 and throughout the

registration statement. Please revise your disclosure to explain what you mean by

"potential for efficacy tolerance."

Business interruptions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak or similar public health crises..., page 41

6. Please expand this risk factor to specifically describe the impact of the  ${\tt COVID-19}$ 

pandemic on your Parkinson's trials.

Redemption Rights, page 82

7. Please revise the disclosure here and on page xix, as applicable, to clarify whether

shareholders may demand redemption at any time or whether this right is only in

connection with the proposed Business Combination.

Voting Your Shares, page 82

8. Please include a form of proxy card marked as preliminary in your next amendment.

Background to the Business Combination, page 102

9. To the extent material, please identify the individuals who participated in the meetings

and discussions described in this section. For instance please identify the representative of  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1$ 

 $\,$  ARYA and Cerevel that participated in the discussions referenced in the third paragraph

on page 103 and the ARYA board member, and the representative of Cerevel and the Bain

Investor with whom Mr. Stone held discussions on June 11, 2020.

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10. With reference to the third paragraph on page 103, please describe the analysis and

evaluation that was conducted on the twenty companies between June 9, 2020 and June  $\phantom{a}$ 

11, 2020 and describe in more detail how the twenty companies were identified and how

representatives of ARYA were already familiar with the potential target based on  $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,2,3,\ldots \right\}$ 

experience unrelated to ARYA.

11. With reference to your disclosure on page 103, please discuss why you did not pursue

transactions with the 20 potential business combination targets that you reviewed.

12. Please revise page 103 concerning the three potential business combination targets to

disclose the extent of the negotiations with the two business

combination targets that you ultimately did not pursue. To the extent that any preliminary proposals were submitted,

please disclose all material proposal terms, including transaction structure, valuation, and

equity split distribution.

13. Please expand your disclosure to provide the basis for management's belief that Cerevel

provided the most attractive potential business combination.

14. Please revise your disclosure throughout this section to provide greater detail as to the

background of the transaction, including the material issues discussed and key negotiated

terms. The disclosure should provide shareholders with an

understanding of how, when, and why the material terms of your proposed transaction evolved and

why this transaction
is being recommended as opposed to any alternatives. In your revised disclosure, please

ensure that you address the following:

 $\,$  the material terms for any proposals and subsequent proposals and counter offers;

negotiation of the transaction documents and the parties involved;

and

at what point other strategic alternatives were eliminated from consideration.

15. With reference to your disclosure on page 105 and elsewhere, please revise to explain in

greater detail the due diligence and evaluation materials provided by Cerevel to your

management.

Summary of ARYA Financial Analysis, page 110

16. Please specify the financial information of Cerevel that was reviewed in the comparable

company analysis.

17. Given the current development status of the target's operations, please revise to disclose

why you selected six commercial stage companies for purposes of your financial analysis.

Please also disclose whether any comparables were excluded from the analyses, and, if so,

the reasons for making such exclusions.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations, page 150

18. We note your disclosure that "[a]ssuming the Domestication so qualifies, U.S. Holders of

public shares or public warrants generally should not recognize gain or loss for  $\ensuremath{\text{U.S.}}$ 

federal income tax purposes on the Domestication...." Please file a tax opinion as an  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{T}}$ 

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exhibit to the filing or provide us your analysis why the tax consequences are not material  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 

to an investor and therefore no tax opinion is required to be filed. Refer to Item 601(b)(8)

of Regulation S-K and Section III.A.2 of Staff Legal Bulletin 19. Information About Cerevel, page 192

19. Please disclose the nature of your material intellectual property and the duration of any

patents, trademarks, licenses, franchises and concessions held by the company or tell us

why this disclosure is not required.

20. Please provide a description of the FDA approval process and the nature of regulatory

oversight related to Cerevel's product candidates.

Our Solution CVL-231, page 201

treatment of newly diagnosed schizophrenia patients. This may suggest that your product

candidate is effective, likely to be approved and favorable as compared to competitive  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

products and product candidates. Given the status of development, it is premature for you  $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \end{tabular}$ 

to make such implications at this time. Accordingly, please revise to remove any

disclosure in your registration statement regarding your therapeutics as being potentially

a first choice in front-line treatment.

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

Operations 0

Comparison of the period from Inception to December 31, 2018, and the year

ended December 31, 2019 Research and Development, page 263

Please revise your disclosure here and on page 266 to provide a breakout of your periodic

research and development expenses for direct costs related to your clinical programs by

major development program or product candidate.

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.

Refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement. Adam Stone ARYA Sciences Acquisition Corp II September 3, 2020

You may contact Rolf Sundwall at 202-551-3105 or Lynn Dicker at 202-551-3616 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Jeffrey Gabor at 202-551-2544 or Christopher Edwards at 202-551-6761 with any other questions.

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Division of Corporation

Sincerely,

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September 3, 2020 Page 5 Peter Seligson, Esq. cc:

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