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March 23, 2021

United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
Office of Life Sciences
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549
Attention: Kasey Robinson
Suzanne Hayes

Re: **Ikena Oncology, Inc.**
Acceleration Request for Registration Statement on Form S-1
File No. 333-253919

Dear Ms. Robinson,

Pursuant to Rule 460 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Act**”), we, as representatives of the several underwriters, wish to advise you that approximately 1,725 copies of the preliminary prospectus included in the above referenced registration statement (the “**Registration Statement**”) were distributed during the period March 22, 2021 through the date hereof, to prospective underwriters, institutions, dealers and others.

We have been informed by the participating underwriters that they will comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

In accordance with Rule 461 of the Act, we hereby join in the request of Ikena Oncology, Inc. for acceleration of the effective date of the Registration Statement so that it becomes effective at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 25, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

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Very truly yours,

By: JEFFERIES LLC

By: /s/ Charlie Glazer

Name: Charlie Glazer
Title: Managing Director

By: COWEN AND COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ Mariel A. Healy

Name: Mariel A. Healy
Title: Managing Director

By: CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

By: /s/ Rebecca Kotkin

Name: Rebecca Kotkin
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By: WILLIAM BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Steve Maletzky

Name: Steve Maletzky
Title: Partner, Head of Equity Capital Markets

[Signature page to Acceleration Request Letter]