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## VIA EDGAR

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

> Re: Vericel Corporation Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018 Filed February 26, 2019 Form 10-Q Filed for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2019 Exhibit No. 10.9 Filed August 6, 2019 File No. 001-35280

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is being submitted on behalf of Vericel Corporation (the "**Company**") in response to the comments of the staff (the "**Staff**") of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") with respect to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 that was filed on February 26, 2019 (the "**Annual Report**") and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2019 that was filed on August 6, 2019 (the "**Quarterly Report**"), as set forth in your letter dated November 4, 2019 addressed to Gerard Michel, Principal Financial Officer of the Company (the "**Comment Letter**").

For reference purposes, the text of the Comment Letter has been reproduced herein with responses below each numbered comment. For your convenience, we have italicized the reproduced Staff comments from the Comment Letter. All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Annual Report or Quarterly Report, as applicable.

The responses provided herein are based upon information provided to Goodwin Procter LLP by the Company.

Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2019

<u>Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements</u> <u>12. NexoBrid License and Supply Agreements, page 18</u>

1. You disclose that you will pay MediWound tiered royalties on net sales ranging from high single-digit to low double-digit percentages, subject to customary reductions. Please revise your disclosure in future filings to disclose a royalty rate or range that does not exceed a 10 point range.

RESPONSE: The Company respectfully acknowledges the Staff's comment and respectfully advises the Staff that it will update its disclosure in future filings to refer to the tiered royalties that it will pay MediWound on net sales as ranging from "mid-high single-digit to mid-teen percentages".

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If you require additional information, please telephone the undersigned at (212) 459-7238.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah Ashfaq, Esq.

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cc: Gerard Michel, Vericel Corporation Sean Flynn, Vericel Corporation