

August 6, 2009

**VIA EDGAR AND FAX**

Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance

Re: NeoStem, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008  
Filed on March 31, 2009  
File No. 001-33650

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

NeoStem, Inc. (the "Company") has received the comments of the staff (the "Staff Comments") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") provided by a letter dated July 24, 2009. The Company requires additional time to respond to the Staff Comments. The Company plans to submit a written response to the Staff Comments via Edgar no later than August 31, 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 584-4171 with any questions or comments. Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,  
NeoStem, Inc.

By: /s/ Catherine M. Vaczy  
Catherine M. Vaczy  
Vice President and General Counsel

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