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June 14, 2021

VIA EDGAR

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549-3720 Attention: Julie Sherman Al Pavot Tom Kluck Celeste Murphy

> Re: Codex DNA, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-1 Filed May 28, 2021 File No. 333-256644

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of our client, Codex DNA, Inc. (the "**Company**"), we submit this letter in response to comments from the staff (the "**Staff**") of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") contained in its letter dated June 10, 2021 (the "**Comment Letter**"), relating to the above referenced Registration Statement on Form S-1 (the "**Registration Statement**"). In response to the comments set forth in the Comment Letter, the Company has revised the Registration Statement and is concurrently submitting via EDGAR this letter and an Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 ("Amendment No. 1").

In this letter, we have recited the comments from the Staff in italicized, bold type and have followed each comment with the Company's response. Except for the page references contained in the comments of the Staff, or as otherwise specifically indicated, page references herein correspond to the page numbers of Amendment No. 1.

<u>Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed May 28, 2021</u> <u>**Results of Operations, page 70**</u>

1. We note your response to comment 1 and your revised disclosure on page 71 that NEB has agreed to pay the Company a royalty in the low double digits. Please revise your disclosure to give investors a reasonable idea of the amount of the royalty rate that does not exceed ten percentage point.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised its disclosure on page 71 of Amendment No. 1.

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2. We note that the confidential settlement agreement with New England Biolabs includes a settlement payment. Please disclose the amount of the settlement payment or explain to us why such disclosure is not required.

In response to the Staff's comment, the Company has revised its disclosure on page 71 of Amendment No. 1 and refiled Exhibit 10.17 with the amount of the settlement payment disclosed.

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Please direct any questions with respect to this confidential submission to me at (650) 565-3564 or poettinger@wsgr.com or Robert Kornegay at (650) 320-4533 or rkornegay@wsgr.com.

Sincerely,

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI Professional Corporation

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