



DIVISION OF  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 30, 2018

Nassim Usman, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Catalyst Biosciences, Inc.  
260 Littlefield Ave.  
South San Francisco, CA 94080

**Re: Catalyst Biosciences, Inc.**  
**Registration Statement on Form S-3**  
**Filed January 22, 2018**  
**File No. 333-222644**

Dear Dr. Usman:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. 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.

Please contact Christine Westbrook at (202) 551-5019 with any questions.

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cc: Stephen Thau, Esq.