

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

April 13, 2020

Vincent J. Angotti Chief Executive Officer AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 351 Galveston Drive Redwood City, CA 94063

> Re: AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4 Filed April 6, 2020 File No. 333-237584

Dear Mr. Angotti:

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 Irene Paik at 202-551-6553 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences

cc: Rama Padmanabhan - Cooley LLP