



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

May 14, 2020

George Lasezkay
President and Chief Executive Officer
Clearside Biomedical, Inc.
900 North Point Parkway, Suite 200
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

Re: Clearside Biomedical, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed May 8, 2020
File No. 333-238128

Dear Mr. Lasezkay:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to those issues we have addressed in our comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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Description of Capital Stock

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1. We note that Article VII of your Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation identifies the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware as the sole and exclusive forum for certain litigation, including any "derivative action." Please disclose whether this provision applies to actions arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. In that regard, we note that Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder, and Section 22 of the Securities Act creates concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. If the

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provision applies to Securities Act claims, please also revise your registration statement to state that there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce such provision and that investors cannot waive compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. If this provision does not apply to actions arising under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, please also ensure that the exclusive forum provision in the governing documents states this clearly, or tell us how you will inform investors in future filings that the provision does not apply to any actions arising under the Securities Act or Exchange Act.

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.

Refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

Please contact Alan Campbell at (202) 551-4224 or Celeste Murphy at (202) 551-3257 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance
Office of Life Sciences

cc: Brent B. Siler, Cooley LLP