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Listing Qualifications

By Electronic Mail

July 30, 2019

Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Division of Corporation Finance:

This is to certify that on July 30, 2019 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Exicure, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following securities:

Common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William Slattery'.