



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

June 21, 2012

Via E-mail

Robert E. Pokusa  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
Star Scientific, Inc.  
7475 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814

**Re: Star Scientific, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed June 12, 2012  
File No. 333-182077**

Dear Mr. Pokusa:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to the issue we have addressed in our comment.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. Where you do not believe our comment applies 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 our comment, we may have additional comments.

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1. Please revise your disclosure to specifically incorporate by reference all reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of your fiscal year 2011. Specifically, this should include your Form 10-Q filed May 10, 2012 and your current reports on Form 8-K as filed on February 29, 2012 and April 9, 2012. Please see Item 12(a) of Form S-3.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

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- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the registered securities.

You may contact Karen Ubell at (202) 551-3873 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Greenspan for

Jeffrey Riedler  
Assistant Director