



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

December 11, 2020

Adam Craig, M.D., Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
CTI BioPharma Corp.  
3101 Western Avenue, Suite 800  
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**Re: CTI BioPharma Corp.**  
**Registration Statement on Form S-3**  
**Filed December 7, 2020**  
**File No. 333-251161**

Dear Dr. Craig:

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 Jason L. Drory at 202-551-8342 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Life Sciences

cc: Ryan Murr, Esq.