

VIA EDGAR

December 7, 2016

Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Clearside Biomedical, Inc. (the "Company")  
Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-214836)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As representatives of the several underwriters of the Company's proposed public offering of common stock, we hereby join the Company's request that the effective date of the above-referenced Registration Statement be accelerated so that the above-referenced Registration Statement will be declared effective at 4:00 p.m. (ET) on December 8, 2016, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Pursuant to Rule 460 of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, we wish to advise you that we have effected the following distribution of the Company's Preliminary Prospectus dated December 7, 2016, through the date hereof:

Preliminary Prospectus dated December 7, 2016:

930 copies to prospective underwriters, institutional investors, dealers and others

The undersigned advise that they have complied and will continue to comply, and that they have been informed by the participating underwriters and dealers that they have complied with and will continue to comply, with the requirements of Rule 15c2-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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Very truly yours,

As Representatives of the several Underwriters

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ David Ke

Name: David Ke

Title: Vice President

COWEN AND COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ Robert Sine

Name: Robert Sine

Title: Managing Director

*[Signature Page to Acceleration Request ]*