

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

August 25, 2014

Via E-mail
Charlie Deignan
Chief Financial Officer
Clearside Biomedical, Inc.
1220 Old Alpharetta Road, Suite 300
Alpharetta, GA 30005

Re: Clearside Biomedical, Inc.

Amendment No. 1 to Draft Registration Statement on Form S-1

Submitted August 7, 2014 CIK No. 0001539029

Dear Mr. Deignan:

We have reviewed your amended confidential draft registration statement and have the following additional comment. 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 providing the requested information and either submitting an amended confidential draft registration statement or publicly filing your registration statement on EDGAR. If 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 the information you provide in response to this comment and your amended confidential draft registration statement or filed registration statement, we may have additional comments.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Research and Development, page 69

1. Please refer to comment eleven. As previously requested please disclose the cumulative amount of research and development expenses incurred to date or from the point where you began allocating such costs for each of your significant product candidates.

If you intend to respond to this comment with an amended draft registration statement, please submit it and any associated correspondence in accordance with the guidance we provide in the Division's October 11, 2012 announcement on the SEC website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cfannouncements/drsfilingprocedures101512.htm">http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cfannouncements/drsfilingprocedures101512.htm</a>.

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You may contact Jim Peklenk at (202) 551-3658 or Joel Parker at (202) 551-3651 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Austin Stephenson at (202) 551-3192, Dan Greenspan at (202) 551-3623, or me at (202) 551-3715 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Greenspan for

Jeffrey P. Riedler Assistant Director

cc: <u>Via E-mail</u> Brian F. Leaf Cooley LLP