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April 6, 2017

**VIA FACSIMILE AND EDGAR**

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporate Finance  
Washington, DC 20549

**Re: CATALYST BIOSCIENCES, INC.  
Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-216663)  
Concurrence in Acceleration Request**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. ("Ladenburg"), as representative of the underwriters for the referenced offering, hereby concurs in the request by Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. that the effective date of the above-referenced registration statement be accelerated to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), or as soon as practicable thereafter, on April 6, 2017, pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act. Ladenburg affirms that it is aware of its obligations under the Securities Act in connection with this offering.

Very truly yours,

**LADENBURG THALMANN & CO. INC.**

By: /s/ Nicholas Stergis  
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Title: Managing Director