

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

August 1, 2019

Herm Cukier Chief Executive Officer BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc. 4131 ParkLake Avenue, Suite 225 Raleigh, NC 27612

> Re: BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed July 29, 2019 File No. 333-232880

Dear Mr. Cukier:

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 Irene Paik at 202-551-6553 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Healthcare & Insurance

cc: Robert E. Puopolo - Goodwin Procter LLP