



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

October 22, 2018

George F. Tidmarsh, M.D., Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company  
4550 Towne Centre Court  
San Diego, CA 92121

**Re: La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed October 15, 2018  
File No. 333-227818**

Dear Dr. Tidmarsh:

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 Christine Westbrook at 202-551-5019 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Healthcare & Insurance

cc: Ryan Murr, Esq.