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Mr. Jeffrey Thomas
Chief, IT Services
Division of Corporate Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on March 5, 2013, The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Optimer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Participating Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

William Lathen