Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

100 Beaver Street, Suite 201 Waltham, MA 02453

July 17, 2017

VIA EDGAR

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549

Re: Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-1 File No. 333-218936 Request for Acceleration

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Registrant") hereby requests acceleration of the effective date of its Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-218936), as amended (the "Registration Statement"), so that it may become effective at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time on July 19, 2017, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank.]

Very truly yours,

Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Mark Iwicki
Name: Mark Iwicki

Title: Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Request for Acceleration]