

September 25, 2018

Mark K. Oki
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer
Vivus, Inc.
900 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite 550
Campbell, CA 95008

Re: Vivus, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed September 14, 2018
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Dear Mr. Oki:

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

Office of

Corporation Finance

Healthcare & Insurance
cc: Jon Layman, Esq.