

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

May 17, 2017

Jon P. Stonehouse President and Chief Executive Officer BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 4505 Emperor Blvd., Suite 200 Durham, North Carolina 27703

> Re: BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed May 10, 2017 File No. 333-217859

Dear Mr. Stonehouse:

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 Chris Edwards at (202) 551-6761 with any questions.

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Healthcare and Insurance

cc: Robyn E. Zolman