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United States Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of Healthcare and Insurance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Attn: Abigail Jacobs Erin Jaskot

Re: Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.

Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-226055)

Request for Acceleration

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mersana Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), we hereby confirm in writing our request that the Securities and Exchange Commission accept the Company's withdrawal of its acceleration request filed on July 12, 2018 (which requested effectiveness of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 16, 2018).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact William J. Michener of Ropes & Gray LLP at (617) 951-7247.

Very truly yours,

/s/ William J. Michener

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Cc: David Spellman (Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.)