August 13, 2020

Michael A. Sherman Chief Executive Officer Chimerix, Inc. 2505 Meridian Parkway, Suite 100 Durham, NC 27713

Re: Chimerix, Inc.
Registration

Statement on Form S-3

Filed August 10,

2020

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Dear Mr. Sherman:

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 Ada D.

Sarmento at 202-551-3798 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance

Office of Life Sciences

cc: Jason L. Kent, Esq.