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## Via Edgar

United States Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549 Attn: Chris Edwards

Re: Chimerix, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3

File No. 333-277505

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned registrant hereby requests that the Securities and Exchange Commission take appropriate action to cause the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-3 to become effective at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 3, 2024, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Once the above-referenced Registration Statement has been declared effective, please orally confirm that event with Jason Kent of Cooley LLP, counsel to the registrant, at (212) 479-6044.

## Chimerix, Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Michael T. Andriole</u>
Michael T. Andriole
President and Chief Executive Officer