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November 1, 2021

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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Attn: Joseph McCann, Office of Life Sciences

**Re: BioAtla, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-1
Filed October 22, 2021
File No. 333-260440
REQUEST FOR ACCELERATION OF EFFECTIVENESS**

Acceleration Request

Requested Date: November 3, 2021
Requested Time: 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, BioAtla, Inc. (the "**Company**") hereby requests that the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") take appropriate action to declare the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-260440) effective at the "Requested Date" and "Requested Time" set forth above or as soon thereafter as practicable.

The Company hereby authorizes Niki Fang, who is an attorney with the Company's outside legal counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, to orally modify or withdraw this request for acceleration.

The Company requests that it be notified of such effectiveness by a telephone call to Ms. Fang at (415) 773-5540.

[Signature page follows]

Sincerely,

BIOATLA, INC.

By: /s/ Richard Waldron

Name: Richard Waldron

Title: Chief Financial Officer

cc: Niki Fang, Esq., Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP