MOLECULAR TEMPLATES, INC.

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VIA EDGAR

August 16, 2023 United States Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549

Re: Molecular Templates, Inc. Acceleration Request for Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed August 10, 2023 File No. 333-273864

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Molecular Templates, Inc. hereby requests that the effective date and time of the above-referenced registration statement be accelerated to August 18, 2023, at 4:05 p.m., Eastern Time, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Melanie R. Levy of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. at (858) 314 -1873.

Sincerely,

MOLECULAR TEMPLATES, INC.

/s/ Jason S. Kim Jason S. Kim Chief Financial Officer

cc: Eric E. Poma, Molecular Templates, Inc.

Michelle Iwamoto-Fan, Molecular Templates, Inc. Melanie R. Levy, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.