

XORTX THERAPEUTICS INC. 3710 - 33rd Street NW Calgary, Alberta T2L 2M1 Canada

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United States Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences 100 F Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20549

Attn: Joshua Gorsky

XORTX Therapeutics Inc.

Registration Statement on Form F-1

File No. 333-267328 **Request for Acceleration**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, XORTX Therapeutics Inc. (the 'Registrant') hereby requests acceleration of effectiveness of the registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-267328) (the "Registration Statement") to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 19, 2022, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Registrant understands that the Staff will consider this request as confirmation by the Registrant of its awareness of its responsibilities under the federal securities laws as they relate to the issuance of the securities covered by the Registration Statement. Once the Registration Statement has been declared effective, please orally confirm that event with our counsel, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP, by calling Thomas M. Rose at (757) 687-7715.

Very truly yours,

XORTX Therapeutics Inc.

/s/ Allen Davidoff Name: Allen Davidoff

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Thomas M. Rose.

