H.C.WAINWRIGHT&CO.

April 26, 2018

VIA EDGAR

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

Re: Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-224315) Concurrence in Acceleration Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC ("<u>Wainwright</u>"), as underwriter for the referenced offering, hereby concurs in the request by Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. that the effective date of the above-referenced registration statement be accelerated to 4:30 P.M. (Eastern Time), or as soon as practicable thereafter, on April 26, 2018, pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act. Wainwright affirms that it is aware of its obligations under the Securities Act in connection with this offering.

H.C. WAINWRIGHT & CO., LLC

By: /s/ Edward D. Silvera

Name:Edward D. SilveraTitle:Chief Operating Officer

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