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April 18, 2023

**VIA EDGAR**

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Life Sciences  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Attention: Jimmy McNamara

**RE: MAIA Biotechnology, Inc.**  
**Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-269606)**  
**Request for Acceleration of Effective Date**  
**Requested Date: April 20, 2023**  
**Requested Time: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the above-referenced Registration Statement, and pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), we, as a representative of the several underwriters, hereby join in the request of MAIA Biotechnology, Inc. that the effective date of the Registration Statement be accelerated so that it will be declared effective at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time (US), on April 20, 2023, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Pursuant to Rule 460 under the Securities Act, please be advised that there will be distributed to each underwriter, who is reasonably anticipated to be invited to participate in the distribution of the security, as many copies of the proposed form of preliminary prospectus as appears to be reasonable to secure adequate distribution of the preliminary prospectus.

The undersigned confirms that it has complied with and will continue to comply with, and it has been informed or will be informed by participating dealers that they have complied with or will comply with, Rule 15c2-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with the above-referenced issue.

Very truly yours,

THINKEQUITY LLC

By: /s/ Eric Lord

Name: Eric Lord

Title: Head of Investment Banking