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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 10, 2012

Via E-mail

Brent L. Larson
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.
425 Metro Place North, Suite 450
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**Re: Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed September 28, 2012
File No. 333-184173**

Dear Mr. Larson:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to the issue we have addressed in our comment. Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. Where you do not believe our comment applies to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to this comment, we may have additional comments.

1. We note that you incorporate by reference "all other reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since December 31, 2011." Please amend your registration statement to specifically incorporate by reference these required reports by means of a statement to that effect listing all such documents. Please refer to Item 12 of Form S-3.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comment, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

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- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

Please contact Johnny Gharib at (202) 551-3170 or me at (202) 551-3715 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeffrey P. Riedler

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