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“Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company “

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. “

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 28, 2018, CTI BioPharma Corp. issued a press release providing a program update following the completion of full enrollment of 150 patients in the PAC203 Phase 2 study of pacritinib. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

##### Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 28, 2018

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CTI BIOPHARMA CORP.

Date: December 28, 2018 By: /s/ David H. Kirske  
David H. Kirske  
Chief Financial Officer