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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information provided pursuant to this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document filed by the Company pursuant to the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document. The information provided pursuant to this Item 2.02 shall instead be deemed “furnished.”

Pursuant to a request from CONSOB, the Italian securities regulatory authority, CTI BioPharma Corp. (the “Company”) issued a press release in Italy on August 27, 2015 providing certain requested financial information for the month ended July 31, 2015 and other information (the “Monthly Italian Press Release”). An English translation of the Monthly Italian Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. The financial information contained in the Monthly Italian Press Release was prepared at the instruction of CONSOB pursuant to Section 114, paragraph 5, of the Italian Legislative Decree no. 58/98. In communications with CONSOB about its request that certain estimated and unaudited financial information be disclosed by the Company, the Company advised CONSOB that the information is not otherwise required to be disclosed in the United States by public companies under the U.S. securities laws. The Company further advised CONSOB that any such financial information has not been reviewed or audited by the Company’s independent auditors as such reviews only occur on a quarterly basis in connection with the requirements of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), which reports are prepared for the first three quarters of the year, and in connection with the annual audit of the Company’s year-end financial statements, which is included in the Company’s annual reports on Form 10-K filed with the SEC. The Company further advised CONSOB that any such financial information could not be prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“U.S. GAAP”), as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

In addition, the financial information contained in the Monthly Italian Press Release does not conform to U.S. GAAP because the Company has not concluded its consideration of authoritative literature and guidelines. Accordingly, the data presented in the information should not be relied on for investment purposes. Moreover, the information may deviate from values as reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP in the Company’s reviewed quarterly financial statements and audited year-end financial statements.

Further, the information contained in the Monthly Italian Press Release may not be consistent with quarterly or annual financial information presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. This information is being provided solely at the instruction of CONSOB, is not used by management to evaluate the Company’s operating performance and is not presented as or intended to be an alternative to U.S. GAAP financial information. The Company is unable to reconcile this information to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures, because no such comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures exist or are available at the time as the Company’s year-end review and audit process has not yet been completed.

Investors are urged to refer to the Company’s financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and the risk factors listed or described from time to time in the Company’s filings with the SEC including, without limitation, the Company’s filings on Forms 10-K, 10-Q, and 8-K.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information provided pursuant to this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document filed by the Company pursuant to the Exchange Act or the Securities Act except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document. The information provided pursuant to this

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Item 7.01 shall instead be deemed “furnished.”

On August 27, 2015, the Company issued the Monthly Italian Press Release containing the information requested by CONSOB discussed above. An English translation of the Monthly Italian Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit<br>No. | Description   | Location            |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| 99.1           | English Translation of Press Release of CTI BioPharma Corp., dated August 27, 2015. | Furnished herewith. |

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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: August 27, 2015 By: /s/ Louis A. Bianco  
Louis A. Bianco  
Executive Vice President, Finance and  
Administration

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