September 8, 2023

John Smither Interim Chief Financial Officer Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc. 3027 Townsgate Road Suite 300 Westlake Village , CA 91361

Re: Arcutis

Biotherapeutics, Inc.

Form 10-K for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

Filed February 28,

2023

File No. 001- 39186

Dear John Smither:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related

disclosures and have the following comment. In our comment we may ask you to provide us

with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to the comment within ten business days by providing the requested

information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our

comment applies to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2, page 109

We note that your certifications filed as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2 with your annual report and subsequent interim reports do not include reference to internal control over financial reporting in the introductory language in paragraph 4. Please file an amendment to your annual report and subsequent interim reports that include updated Section 302 and 906 certifications that conform exactly to the language set forth within the Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a). Refer to Compliance and Disclosure Interpretation 246.13 on Regulation S-K for

further guidance.

In closing, we remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the

accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or

absence of action by the staff.

John Smither

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You may contact Ibolya Ignat at 202-551-3636, or Mary Mast at 202-551-3613 with any questions.

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