July 27, 2020

John W. Smither Chief Financial Officer Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc. 2945 Townsgate Road, Suite 110 Westlake Village, California 91361

Re: Arcutis

Biotherapeutics, Inc.

Draft Registration

Statement on Form S-1

Submitted July 21,

2020

CIK No. 0001787306

Dear Mr. Smither:

This is to advise you

that we do not intend to review your registration statement.

We request that you publicly file your registration statement no later than 48 hours prior  $\,$ 

to the requested effective date and time. Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for  $\,$ 

acceleration. 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.

Please contact Tim

Buchmiller at (202) 551-3635 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance

Office of Life Sciences

cc: Brian J. Cuneo, Esq.