FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Instruction 1(b)

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative

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|  | e conditions of<br>ee Instruction 1                                   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   |   |   |      |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|---------------|---|-------------|---|--|-----|---|-------|--|----------------------|--|---|---|---|---|------|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Watanabe Todd Franklin |   |  |               |   |             | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ ARQT ] |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)   |   |   |      |  |   |  |
| THERMOO TOUGHT HIRKING   |   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   | <b>V</b>  | Direct<br>Office                          | tor<br>er (give title   |      | 10% Ov<br>Other (s   |   |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  |   |  |               |   |             | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   | below) below)   |   |   |      |  | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |  |
| C/O ARCUTIS BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.                                |   |  |               |   |             | 11/04/2024  |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   |   | See R   | emar | 'KS  |   |  |
| 3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300                                   |   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   |   |   |      |  |   |  |
| (Street) WESTLAKE VILLAGE CA 91361                               |   |  |               |   | 4.          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                  |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |      |  |   |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   |   |   |      |  |   |  |
|  |   | Table                                      | I - N         | lon-Deriva  | tive        | Secu  | rities   | Acc | quire                                   | ed, D | isp  | osed of              | , or B   | Benefic   | ially   | Own                                       | ed  |      |  |   |  |
| Date   |   |  |               | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Ye                     | ay/Year) if |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                            |     | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |       | 4. Securities Acquired<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr |                      |  |   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following   |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                               |      | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |   |  |
|  |   |  |               |   |             |   |  | G   | Code                                    | v     | Am   | nount                | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price   |   | Repor<br>Transa<br>(Instr.                | ted<br>action(s)<br>3 and 4)  |      |  | (Instr. 4)                              |  |
| Common Stock 11/04/202   |   |  |               |   | .4          |   |  | Ť   | S                                       |       | 13   | 3,871 <sup>(1)</sup> | D  | \$8.684   | 12(2)   | 83  | 32,392  |      | D  |   |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   | 2   | 4,413   |      |  | By<br>Trust <sup>(3)</sup>              |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   | 2   | 4,413   |      |  | By<br>Trust <sup>(4)</sup>              |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   | 57,358                                    |   |      |  | By<br>LLC <sup>(5)</sup>                |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   | 1   |   | 24,956  |      |  | By<br>Trust <sup>(6)</sup>              |  |
|  |   | Та   | ble I         | I - Derivati<br>(e.g., pu                                   |             |   |  |     |   |       |  |                      |  |   |   | Owne                                      | d   |      |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Exed<br>if an | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |             | nsaction<br>e (Instr.   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | Expiration<br>e (Month/Da<br>s          |       | Date   | e                    | 7. Title<br>Amou<br>Secur<br>Under<br>Deriva<br>Secur<br>3 and | int of<br>ities<br>rlying<br>ative<br>ity (Instr. | Der   | Price of<br>vivative<br>curity<br>str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | у    | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficia<br>Ownersh<br>(Instr. 4)      |  |
|  |   |  |               |   |             |   |  |     | Date                                    |       |  | Expiration           |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of                      |   |   |   |      |  |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The sale was made pursuant to the Issuer's mandatory sell-to-cover requirements implemented to satisfy the tax withholding obligations associated with the vesting of the Reporting Person's Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs")

Exercisable

(D)

Code

- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.32 to \$8.86, inclusive. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote
- 3. The securities are held of record by The John Franklin Watanabe Trust, of which the Reporting Person is the trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes
- 4. The securities are held of record by The Anderson Prest Watanabe Irrevocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person is the trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.
- 5. The securities are held of record by Watanabe Ventures, LLC, of which the Reporting Person is the Chief Operating Officer. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes
- 6. The securities are held of record by The Watanabe 2016 Irrevocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person's children are beneficiaries. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

## Remarks:

/s/ David Topper, as Attorney- 11/05/2024 in-Fact for Todd Franklin Watanabe

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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