FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Watanabe Todd Franklin						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ ARQT ]									ck all appli	cable)	orting Person(s) to Issuer			
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	CUTIS BIO	irst) THERAPEUTIO E ROAD, SUITE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/05/2021								X	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  President and CEO					
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(Street) WESTL	( )	A	91361		4. 1	f Amen	idmei	nt, Date	of Orig	jinal F	iled (Month/I	Day/Year)		6. Ind Line)	Form	Joint/Group filed by One filed by Mor	Reporti	ng Persoi	n	
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		Tab	le I - I	Non-Deriv	ative	e Sec	urit	ies A	cquire	ed, D	Disposed	of, or E	Benefi	cially	y Owne	t				
Date		2. Transacti Date (Month/Day		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		d 5)		es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Direct Condirect E	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 10			10/05/20	2021				M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,500	A	\$1.	6806	597	597,279 <sup>(2)</sup>					
Common Stock 10/05/2		)21	21			S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,500	D	\$24.	9174 <sup>(3</sup>	<sup>3)</sup> 594	,779 <sup>(2)</sup>	D						
Common Stock														57,358		I		By LLC <sup>(4)</sup>		
Common Stock													17	7,850	I		By Γrust <sup>(5)</sup>			
Common Stock														17	7,850	I		By Trust <sup>(6)</sup>		
Common Stock											124,956		I		By Frust <sup>(7)</sup>					
		7	Table	II - Deriva											Owned			<u>'</u>		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(e.g., puts, calls, warr  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  5. Num of Derivation Security (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. and 5)			umber ivative urities uired or posed D) tr. 3, 4		e Exer	cisable and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	wnership orm: rect (D) Indirect	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)				
	Code V (A) (D)		(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	tion		ount nber res											
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.6806	10/05/2021			M <sup>(1)</sup>			2,500	(8)		03/13/2029	Commo Stock	n 2,5	000	\$0.00	123,63	5	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person.
- 2. Includes 54,450 RSUs. The Reporting Person is entitled to receive one (1) share of common stock for each one (1) RSU upon the vesting thereof.
- 3. The transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$24.51 to \$25.38, inclusive. The price reported in Column 4 above reflects the weighted average sale price. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The option began vesting monthly over a four year period beginning upon the achievement of certain company milestones, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous provision of services to the Issuer on each vesting date. The option contains an early-exercise provision and is exercisable as to unvested shares, subject to the Issuer's right of repurchase.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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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