FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, D.C. 20 | 549 |
|---------------------|-----|
|---------------------|-----|

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| OMB APPROVAL | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| OMB Number: | 3235-0287 | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated average | burden | | | | | | | | |
| hours per response | 0.5 | | | | | | | | |

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Watanabe Todd Franklin | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ARQT] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner V Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|----------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|--------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARCUTIS BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC. 3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300 | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2021 | | | | | | | | X below | v) `` | | oelow) | респу | |
| (Street) WESTLA | C | A ! | 91361 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of 0 | | | | of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (Si | ate) (| (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | le I - No | _ | | _ | | | - | , Dis | _ | | | ally Owne | | 1 | | | |
| Da | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ur) E: | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr.) 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | d 5) Securi Benefi Owned | i. Amount of Securities Seneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | ect irect 1) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | nt (A) or Pri | | Transa | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 06/07 | 7/2021 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,750 | A | \$1.6 | 306 596 | ,529 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 06/07/2021 | | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,750 | D | \$26. | 35 594 | 594,779(2)(3) | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 49,981 | | | By LLC ⁽⁴⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 17,850 | | I I | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 7,850 | I | | By Trust ⁽⁶⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 124,956 | | I F | | | | |
| | | Т | able II - | | | | | | | | | | | y Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | ned n Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | ction | 5. N of Deri Sec Acq (A) (Disp of (I | vative urities uired or oosed o) tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | able and | e and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | e Ow s For lly Dire or I | nership m: ect (D) ndirect nstr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$1.6806 | 06/07/2021 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 1,750 | (8) | (| 03/13/2029 | Common Stock | 1,750 | \$0.00 | 131,38 | 35 | 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. Includes 1,006 shares acquired pursuant to the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on May 31, 2021.
- 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
- 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
- 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

/s/ Scott Burrows, as Attorney-06/09/2021 in-Fact for Todd Franklin Watanabe

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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.