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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre <u>Watanabe To</u> | 1 0 | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ARQT] | | ationship of Reporting F k all applicable) Director Officer (give title | 10% Owner Other (specify |
| (Last) C/O ARCUTIS 3027 TOWNSC | | (Middle) PEUTICS, INC. , SUITE 300 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2021 | | below) President a | below) nd CEO |
| (Street) WESTLAKE VILLAGE | CA | 91361 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indi Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Fi Form filed by One R Form filed by More t Person | eporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| Table 1- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|--------|---------------|----------|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2021 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 750 | A | \$1.6806 | 594,523 ⁽²⁾ | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2021 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 750 | D | \$35 | 593,773 ⁽²⁾ | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 49,981 | Ι | By LLC ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 17,850 | I | By Trust ⁽⁴⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 17,850 | Ι | By Trust ⁽⁵⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 124,956 | I | By Trust ⁽⁶⁾ | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5 | rities ired osed 3. 3, 4 | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | e Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$1.6806 | 05/07/2021 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 750 | (7) | 03/13/2029 | Common Stock | 750 | \$0.00 | 133,135 | 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 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.

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 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.

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

7. 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 Attorneyin-Fact for Todd Franklin 05/11/2021 Watanabe ** Signature of Reporting Person

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

Date

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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