FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Welgus Howard G. | | | | | | 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 | | | | | |
| (Last) | , | | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/06/2023 | | | | | | | | | (give title | | Other (below) | · | |
| C/O ARCUTIS BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC. 3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300 | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | WESTLAKE CA 91361 | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| VILLAC | LAGE | | | | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (St | X | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - No | on-Deriv | ative | Sec | uriti | ies Ac | quired | l, Di | sposed o | of, or Be | neficial | ly Owned | t | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | Exe) if a | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | Benefic Owned | es ally Following | Form: | : Direct · Indirect str. 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 04/0 | | | | 04/06/2 | 2023 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 8,500 | A | \$1.680 | 174 | 174,325 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 04/06 | | | | 04/06/2 | 2023 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 8,500 | D | \$12.01 | (2) 16. | 165,825 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 24 | 24,991 | | | By Trust ⁽³⁾ | | | |
| | | Т | able II | | | | | | | | oosed of converti | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/E | on Date, | 4. Transa Code (l 8) | | on of | | 6. Date I Expiration (Month/I | on Dat | | 7. Title an Amount o Securities Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 ar | f g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | is Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to | \$1.6806 | 04/06/2023 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 8,500 | (4) | | 03/13/2029 | Common Stock | 8,500 | \$0 | 14,958 | 8 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.00 to \$12.035, 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 Welgus Living Trust, of which the Reporting Person is 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 option began vesting on March 13, 2019 and will vest monthly over a four year period, 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.

Remarks:

/s/ Scott Burrows, as Attorneyin-Fact for Howard G. Welgus

04/10/2023

** 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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