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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

| 1. Name and Addre  |         | AF           | suer Name <b>and</b> Tic<br>RS Pharmaceu | <u>ticals,</u>   | Inc                                     | .[ SPRY ] |  | ationship of Reportir<br>< all applicable)<br>Director | ng Person(s) to Is<br>10% C |   |   |   |
|--|---------|--------------|--|--|---|-----------|--|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)     |  | ate of Earliest Trans<br>03/2023   | saction (N                              | /Ionth    | /Day/Year)   |  | Officer (give title below)  | Other<br>below)   | (specify  |   |
| C/O ARS PHA<br>11682 EL CAM  |         | 1            | 4. lf                                    | Amendment, Date o  | of Origina                              | l Fileo   | d (Month/Day/`   | Year)  | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X      | vidual or Joint/Group<br>Form filed by One                    |   |   |
| (Street)<br>SAN DIEGO  | СА      | 92130        |  |  |   |           |  |  |                             | Form filed by Mon<br>Person                                   | re than One Rep   | orting  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)        |  | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication         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. |   |           |  |  |                             |   |   |   |
|  |         | Table I - No | on-Derivative                            | Securities Ac  | quired,                                 | , Dis     | posed of,  | or Be  | neficially                  | Owned   |   |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)<br>2. Transact<br>Date<br>(Month/Day |         |              |  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |           | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  |                             | 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 |
|  |         |              |  | Code V Amount (A) or Pri   |   |           |  |  |                             | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                |   | (Instr. 4)  |

|              |            | Code                    | v | Amount | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                         | Iransaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |  |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|---|--------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 07/03/2023 | М                       |   | 26,520 | A             | \$1.27                        | 236,866                            | D |  |
| Common Stock | 07/03/2023 | <b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup> |   | 26,520 | D             | <b>\$6.725</b> <sup>(2)</sup> | 210,346                            | D |  |
| Common Stock | 07/05/2023 | М                       |   | 31,112 | A             | \$1.27                        | 241,458                            | D |  |
| Common Stock | 07/05/2023 | S <sup>(1)</sup>        |   | 31,112 | D             | <b>\$6.414</b> <sup>(3)</sup> | 210,346                            | D |  |
| Common Stock | 07/06/2023 | М                       |   | 33,510 | A             | \$1.27                        | 243,856                            | D |  |
| Common Stock | 07/06/2023 | S <sup>(1)</sup>        |   | 33,510 | D             | <b>\$6.343</b> <sup>(4)</sup> | 210,346                            | D |  |

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

| 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) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    |                 |  | Expiration Date |         | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                            | v | (A)   | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                 |         |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$1.27  | 07/03/2023                                 |   | М                               |   |   | 26,520 | (5)  | 04/28/2030         | Common<br>Stock | 26,520                                 | \$0.00          | 176,477 | D  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$1.27  | 07/05/2023                                 |   | М                               |   |   | 31,112 | (5)  | 04/28/2030         | Common<br>Stock | 31,112                                 | \$0.00          | 145,365 | D  |  |   |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$1.27  | 07/06/2023                                 |   | М                               |   |   | 33,510 | (5)  | 04/28/2030         | Common<br>Stock | 33,510                                 | \$0.00          | 111,855 | D  |  |   |  |  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

1. The sales reported on this Form 4 were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 15, 2022.

2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions ranging from \$6.62 to \$6.81, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range set forth herein. 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions ranging from \$6.21 to \$6.75, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range set forth herein.

4. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions ranging from \$6.10 to \$6.45, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range set forth herein. 5. Immediately exercisable.

#### **Remarks:**

/s/ Kathleen Scott, Attorney-in-Fact 07/06/2023

\*\* 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).

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