

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Foundation Fighting Blindness Retinal Degeneration Fund</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>223 S. WEST STREET, SUITE 900<br><br>(Street)<br>RALEIGH NC 27603<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Opus Genetics, Inc. [ IRD ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><br>See Remarks |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/18/2026                    |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |   |   |

**Table I - 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) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |        | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/18/2026                           |  | s                              |   | 1,700,000   | D          | \$4.35 | 3,792,171   | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |   |

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

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 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(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc.</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>6925 OAKLAND MILLS ROAD, #701<br><br>(Street)<br>COLUMBIA MD 21045<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip)                    |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc. ("FFB") is the sole member of Foundation Fighting Blindness Retinal Degeneration Fund ("RDF") and may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly by RDF. RDF has the power to vote and dispose of any securities directly owned by RDF. RDF's board of directors makes voting and investment decisions regarding securities held by RDF, subject to certain approval rights of the board of directors of FFB with respect to transactions exceeding a certain threshold.

**Remarks:**

For purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Reporting Persons may be deemed a director by deputization of Issuer by virtue of the fact that Adrienne Graves, PhD and Jean Bennett, MD, PhD were appointed to serve on the board of directors of Issuer and Dr. Graves is the chair of the board of directors of RDF and a member of the board of directors of FFB and Dr. Bennett is a member of the board of directors of RDF.

Foundation Fighting Blindness  
Retinal Degeneration Fund, By: /s/ 05/20/2026  
Russell Kelley, Name/Title:  
Russell Kelley, Managing Director  
Foundation Fighting Blindness,  
Inc. By: /s/ Jason Menzo, 05/20/2026  
Name/Title: Jason Menzo, Chief  
Executive Officer

\*\* 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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