FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  de Kruif John |  |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Merus N.V. [ MRUS ] |   |  |  |  |      |           |   |   | ck all appl<br>Direct |  | g Pers  | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov<br>Other (s  | vner      |  |  |  |
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| (Last) C/O MEI  | RUS N.V.   | rst) (                                     | Middle)  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2020 |  |  |  |      |           |   |   | X                     | below  |   | echno  | below)    | ·  |  |  |
| (Street) UTRECH   | HT P7  |  | 3584 CM<br>(Zip)                                     |   |   |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |      |           |   |   |                       |  |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |           |  |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans Date          |  |  | . Transacti  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,                                   |   | 3. 4. Secu<br>Transaction Dispose<br>Code (Instr. 5) |  | rities Acquired (A) or<br>ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |      |           | 5. Amou<br>Securiti<br>Benefic  | int of 6. O es Formulally (D) of Following (I) (I |                       | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)                  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |           |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  | v    | Amount    | (A) or<br>(D)   |   | ice                   | Transac<br>(Instr. 3                               | tion(s)   |  |           | (111511. 4)  |  |  |
| Common Shares 01/02/                                    |  |  |  | 01/02/2   | 2020  |  | M  |  | 79   | 79 A S    |   | 0.00  | 10                    | 10,616   |   | 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 Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Y | Code (Inst  |   |  |  | 6. Date Ex<br>Expiration<br>(Month/Da              | Date |           | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | S<br>(I               | B. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Gecurity<br>Instr. 5) |   | Owner<br>Form:<br>Direct<br>or Indi<br>(I) (Inst   | Ownership | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|   |  |  |  | Cod   | le V  | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisab                                  |      | epiration | Title   | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share                 | er                    |  |   |  |           |  |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Share<br>Units                            | (1)  | 01/02/2020                                 |  | М   |   |  | 79   | (2)  |      | (1)       | Common<br>Shares  | 79  |                       | (1)  | 927   |  | D         |  |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive one common share of the Issuer. Restricted share units do not have an expiration date.
- 2. Restricted stock units vest over a four-year period until January 1, 2021, in equal monthly installments.

## Remarks:

/s/ Peter Silverman as attorneyin-fact 01/06/2020

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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