

Aravive, Inc.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

Aravive, Inc. (formerly known as Versartis, Inc.)

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

03890D108

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

October 12, 2018

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

Amato Giaccia

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY**4** SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)**6** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF **7** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY **8** 1,162,608*
OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER

EACH

REPORTING **9** 0
PERSON SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

10 1,162,608*
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,162,608*

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.2%**

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

* Share numbers reflect a 1-for-6 reverse stock split that was effected on October 16, 2018. Consists of 941,880 shares of common stock and options to purchase 220,728 shares of common stock.

*** Based on 11,182,045 outstanding shares of common stock of the Issuer after the Merger and reverse stock split.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Aravive, Inc. (formerly known as Versartis, Inc.), a Delaware corporation (the Issuer). The Issuer's principal executive office is located at 1020 Marsh Road, Menlo Park, California 94025.

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) The name of the reporting person is Amato Giaccia (the Reporting Person).

(b) The business address of the Reporting Person is c/o Aravive, Inc., LyondellBasell Tower, 1221 McKinney Street, Suite 3200, Houston, Texas 77010.

(c) The principal occupation of the Reporting Person is serving as Professor of Radiation Oncology, Associate Chairman for Research & Director of the Division of Radiation & Cancer Biology in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Stanford University School of Medicine. Until the Merger, the Reporting Person has also been serving as Acting Chief Scientific Officer and a Board member of Aravive Biologics, Inc. (Private Aravive). The Reporting Person serves as a director of the Issuer.

(d) During the last five years, the Reporting Person has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the last five years, the Reporting Person was not a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result was not or is not subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) The Reporting Person is a citizen of the United States.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The Reporting Person acquired beneficial ownership of 6,975,694 shares of common stock, consisting of 5,561,284 shares of common stock and options to purchase 1,324,410 shares of common stock on October 12, 2018 in connection with the business combination of the Issuer, formerly known as Versartis, Inc., with what was then known as Private Aravive. On October 12, 2018, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated as of July 3, 2018, by and among Private Aravive, Issuer and Velo Merger Sub. (Merger Sub) (the Merger Agreement), Merger Sub merged with and into Private Aravive, with Private Aravive surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer (the Merger). Also, on October 16, 2018, in connection with, and prior to the completion of, the Merger, the Issuer effected a 1-for-6 reverse stock split of its then outstanding common stock and, immediately following the Merger, the Issuer changed its name from Versartis, Inc. to Aravive, Inc.

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Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, the Issuer issued shares of its common stock to Private Aravive's stockholders, at an exchange ratio of 2.2801 shares of common stock in exchange for each share of common stock of Private Aravive outstanding immediately prior to the Merger. The Reporting Person held 2,478,525 shares of Private Aravive's common stock and options to purchase 580,858 shares of Private Aravive's common stock prior to the Merger, which resulted in the Reporting Person receiving 5,651,284 shares of common stock and options to purchase 1,324,410 shares of common stock at the effective time of the Merger (the vesting of which accelerated upon consummation of the Merger) which was reduced to 941,880 shares of common stock and options to purchase 220,728 shares of common stock after the reverse stock split of the Issuer's common stock.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The disclosure provided in Item 3 above is incorporated herein by reference.

Since the effective time of the Merger and as of the date hereof, the Reporting Person has served as a director of the Issuer. At the effective time of the Merger, each of the directors of the Issuer prior to the Merger resigned and the Reporting Person, Ray Tabibiazar, Eric Zhang, Srini Akkaraju, Jay Shepard, Shahzad Malik and Robert Hoffman were appointed as directors of the Issuer whose terms expire as follows: The Reporting Person and Jay Shepard, 2019; Eric Zhang and Shahzad Malik, 2020; and Ray Tabibiazar, Robert Hoffman and Srini Akkaraju, 2021.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) The percentage of beneficial ownership reported in this Item 5, and on the Reporting Person's cover page to this Schedule 13D, is based on a total of 11,182,045 shares of the common stock issued and outstanding as of October 16, 2018 and reflects the 1-for-6 reverse stock split, all according to information provided by the Issuer to the Reporting Person. All of the share numbers reported herein, and on the Reporting Person's cover page to this Schedule 13D, are as of October 16, 2018, unless otherwise indicated. The cover page to this Schedule 13D for the Reporting Person is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Item 5(a).

The Reporting Person beneficially owns 1,162,608 shares of common stock, or approximately 10.2% of the outstanding shares of common stock.

(b) The Reporting Person has sole authority to vote (or direct the vote of), and to dispose (or direct the disposal) of, all of the shares of common stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person as described in Item 5(a) above.

(c) As of October 12, 2018, the Reporting Person acquired beneficial ownership of 6,975,694 shares, consisting of 5,651,284 shares of common stock and options to purchase 1,324,410 shares of common stock as a result of the effectiveness of the Merger which was reduced to 941,880 shares of common stock and options to purchase 220,728 shares of common stock after the reverse stock split of the Issuer's common stock. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Reporting Person has not effected any transaction in shares of the common stock from August 12, 2018 (the date 60 days prior to the filing of this Schedule 13D) to October 12, 2018.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, shares of the common stock.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Not applicable.

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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit 1

Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated as of dated July 3, 2018 by and among Aravive Biologics, Inc., Versartis, Inc. and Velo Merger Sub (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2018)

Exhibit 2

Form of Lock-up Agreement

Exhibit 3

Form of Support Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2018)

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: October 19, 2018

/s/ Amato Giaccia
Amato Giaccia