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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Powala Christopher Issuer Symbol Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS. 12/18/2018 below) below) INC., 640 LEE ROAD, SUITE 200 Chief Reg & Develop Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **WAYNE, PA 19087**

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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	le 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. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/18/2018		M	1,625	A	<u>(1)</u>	139,889	D			
Common Stock	12/18/2018		F(2)	446	D	\$ 6.3	139,443	D			
Common Stock							130,434	I	By Trust		

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

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/18/2018		M	1,625	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,625	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Powala Christopher C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 640 LEE ROAD, SUITE 200 WAYNE, PA 19087

Chief Reg & Develop Officer

Signatures

/s/ Mark Ballantyne,

Attorney-in-fact 12/21/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the restricted stock units being reported in this Form 4.
- (3) These shares are held by the Christopher V. Powala Aclaris Irrevocable Trust, for which Mr. Powala serves as trustee.
- (4) On December 18, 2015, the reporting person was granted 6,500 restricted stock units, vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on December 18, 2016, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

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