

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4

December 20, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Powala Christopher

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS,
INC., 101 LINDENWOOD DRIVE,
SUITE 400

(Street)

MALVERN, PA 19355

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Stock	12/18/2016		M	1,625	A	132,059	D
Common Stock	12/18/2016		F ⁽²⁾	494	D	\$ 31.25	131,565
Common Stock						130,434	I
							By Trust (3)

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/18/2016		M	1,625	(4) (4)	Common Stock	1,625

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Powala Christopher C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 101 LINDENWOOD DRIVE, SUITE 400 MALVERN, PA 19355	Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Brian F. Leaf,
Attorney-in-fact 12/20/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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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