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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

Powala Christopher

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS. 12/15/2018 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** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/15/2018 M 1,300 Α (1) 138,621 D Stock Common 12/15/2018 $F^{(2)}$ 357 D 138,264 D 7.31 Stock Common By Trust

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount 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)	12/15/2018		M	1,300	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,300	

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 12/18/2018

**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.
 - On December 15, 2016, the reporting person was granted 10,400 restricted stock units. 50% of the shares underlying these restricted stock units vested on May 7, 2018 upon the achievement of a specified commercial milestone. The other 50% of the shares underlying the
- (4) units vested on May 7, 2018 upon the achievement of a specified commercial milestone. The other 50% of the shares underlying the restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 15, 2017, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

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