

Powala Christopher  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
12/15/2017

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 below) \_\_\_ Other (specify 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |                         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |         |                         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 1,300   | A  | 132,865                           | D       |                         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2017                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 395   | D  | \$ 24.23                          | 132,470 | D                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/18/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 1,625   | A  | 134,095                           | D       |                         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/18/2017                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 494   | D  | \$ 24.12                          | 133,601 | D                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 130,434                           | I       | By Trust <sup>(3)</sup> |

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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. Pr        |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(1)</u>   | 12/15/2017                           |  | M                              | 1,300   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Stock | 1,300                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(1)</u>   | 12/18/2017                           |  | M                              | 1,625   | <u>(5)</u>   | <u>(5)</u>  | Common Stock | 1,625                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Brian F. Leaf,  
Attorney-in-fact

12/21/2017

\_\_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)

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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 15, 2016, the reporting person was granted 10,400 restricted stock units, with 50% of the shares underlying the restricted stock units vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on December 15, 2017 and the other 50% of the shares underlying these restricted stock units vesting upon the achievement of a specified commercial milestone, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

- (5) 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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