

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4

December 19, 2016

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

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1(b).

**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)
12/15/2016

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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 28.92	12/15/2016	A		62,400		<u>(1)</u>	12/14/2026	Common Stock	62,400
Restricted stock units	<u>(2)</u>	12/15/2016	A		10,400		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	10,400

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

12/19/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option will vest over a period of four years, with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer.
Subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date, 50% of the shares underlying these
- (3) restricted stock units will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 15, 2017 and the other 50% of the shares underlying these restricted stock units will vest upon the achievement of a specified commercial milestone.

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