FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addres | ss of Reporting Persor | ı* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS] | | tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| (Last) C/O ACLARIS 640 LEE ROAD | RIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2019 | x | Officer (give title below) Chief Medical O | Other (specify below) fficer |
| (Street) WAYNE (City) | PA (State) | 19087 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than (Person | ting 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) | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------|---|---|---------------|-------|---|--------------|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security curity (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--------|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Restricted stock units | (1) | 03/01/2019 | | Α | | 82,400 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 82,400 | \$0.00 | 82,400 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer.

2. The shares underlying these restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2020, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

Remarks:

/s/ Mark Ballantyne, Attorneyin-fact 03/04/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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

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Instruction 1(b).