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### FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Instruction 1(b).                      |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Ferson                 |    | Person*  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ ACRS ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----|----------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| FMR LLC   (Last) (First)   (Middle)   245 SUMMER STREET |    |          |   | Director X 10% Owner  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |    | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/30/2016                            | Officer (give title X Other (specify below) See Remark 1                |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |    |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)             |  |  |  |  |  |
| BOSTON  | MA | 02210    |   | X Form filed by One Reporting Person                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                    |    | (Zip)    |   | Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person                         |  |  |  |  |  |
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   |         |               |                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|---------|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price             | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/30/2016                                 |   | J                           |   | 130,571 | D             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 2,659,327   | Ι   | See<br>Footnote<br>1 <sup>(1)</sup>                 |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of  |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

1. F-Prime Capital Partners Healthcare Fund III LP made a pro-rata distribution to its partners, without payment of consideration, of 368,767 shares of Aclaris Therapeutics Inc. previously reported by FMR LLC, F-Prime Capital Partners Healthcare Fund III LP distributed 237,882 shares to Impresa Fund III Limited Partnership, 2,780 shares to F-Prime Capital Partners Healthcare Advisors Fund III LP (FPCPHA) and 128,105 shares to a recipient whose shares are not subject to reporting by the undersigned (an Other Recipient). FPCPHA made a pro-rata distribution to its partners, without payment of consideration, of 314 shares to F-Prime Inc, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC, and 2,466 shares to Other Recipients. As a result, F-Prime Capital Partners Healthcare Fund III LP beneficially owns 570,642 shares, Impresa Fund III Limited Partnership beneficially owns 2,749 shares.

#### Remarks:

Remark 1: Abigail P. Johnson is a Director, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and the President of FMR LLC. Members of the Johnson family, including Abigail P. Johnson, are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B voting common shares of FMR LLC, representing 49% of the voting power of FMR LLC. The Johnson family group and all other Series B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all Series B voting common shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B voting common shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common shares and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR LLC. The address of Abigail P. Johnson is c/o FMR LLC, 245 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110. Remark 2: The general partner of F-Prime Capital Partners Healthcare Advisors Fund III LP is F-Prime Capital Partners Healthcare Advisors Fund III LP. F-Prime Capital Partners Healthcare Advisors Fund III LP, is on family. Remark 3: The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the undersigned are the beneficial owners of any securities reported herein.

Marc R. Bryant, Duly authorized under Powers

authorized under Powers of Attorney, by and on behalf of FMR LLC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, and Abigail P. Johnson tt Signature of Reporting Person

08/31/2016

\*\* 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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