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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Molineaux Christopher P. |                                                                       |                                            |                                        | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ ACRS ] |          |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         |          |                       |        |                                                             | (Ch    | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |                                                                                                                   |                                        |                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                     |            |
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| (Last)                                                             | •                                                                     | •                                          | (Middle)                               |                                                                                        |          | Date of 20/20                                               |                                                                                                                                         | est Trar | nsaction (M           | onth/I | Day/Year)                                                   |        |                                                                         |                                                                                                                   | below)                                 | (give title                                                       |                                                                    | Other (s<br>elow)                                   | ресіту     |
|                                                                    |                                                                       | ERAPEUTICS, 1                              | INC.                                   |                                                                                        |          |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         |          |                       |        |                                                             |        |                                                                         |                                                                                                                   |                                        |                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                     |            |
| 640 LEE                                                            | ROAD, SU                                                              | ЛТЕ 200<br>                                |                                        |                                                                                        | 4. If    | f Amei                                                      | ndmer                                                                                                                                   | nt, Date | of Original           | Filed  | (Month/D                                                    | ay/Yea | r)                                                                      | 6. I                                                                                                              | ndividual or .                         | Joint/Group                                                       | Filing (Ch                                                         | eck Ap                                              | plicable   |
| (Street)<br>WAYNE                                                  |                                                                       |                                            |                                        |                                                                                        |          |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         |          |                       |        |                                                             |        | - 1                                                                     | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting                                        |                                        |                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                     |            |
| (City)                                                             | (S                                                                    | tate)                                      | (Zip)                                  |                                                                                        |          |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         |          |                       |        |                                                             |        |                                                                         |                                                                                                                   | Persor                                 | 1                                                                 |                                                                    |                                                     |            |
|                                                                    |                                                                       | Tab                                        | le I - Noi                             | n-Deriv                                                                                | ative    | Sec                                                         | uriti                                                                                                                                   | ies Ad   | cquired,              | Dis    | posed o                                                     | of, or | Ben                                                                     | eficial                                                                                                           | ly Owned                               | ł                                                                 |                                                                    |                                                     |            |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                                    |                                                                       |                                            | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Y |                                                                                        | /Year) E |                                                             | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                                                             |          | Code (Instr.          |        | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) |        |                                                                         | Benefici<br>Owned F                                                                                               | es<br>ally<br>Following                | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | ect (<br>rect (<br>) (                                             | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |            |
|                                                                    |                                                                       |                                            |                                        |                                                                                        |          |                                                             | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,                                                                                                 |          | Code                  | v      | V Amount                                                    |        | A) or<br>D)                                                             | Price                                                                                                             | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3      | tion(s)                                                           |                                                                    | (                                                   | (Instr. 4) |
| Common                                                             | Stock                                                                 |                                            |                                        | 03/20                                                                                  | 0/2018   | В                                                           |                                                                                                                                         |          | M                     |        | 1,993                                                       | 3      | A                                                                       | \$0.4                                                                                                             | 1 9,                                   | 598                                                               | D                                                                  |                                                     |            |
| Common                                                             | Stock                                                                 |                                            |                                        | 03/20                                                                                  | 0/2018   | 8                                                           |                                                                                                                                         |          | M                     |        | 120                                                         |        | A                                                                       | \$0.7                                                                                                             | 2 9,                                   | 718                                                               | D                                                                  |                                                     |            |
| Common                                                             | Stock                                                                 |                                            |                                        | 03/20                                                                                  | 0/2018   | 8                                                           |                                                                                                                                         |          | M                     |        | 264                                                         |        | A                                                                       | \$1.5                                                                                                             | 2 9,                                   | 982                                                               | D                                                                  |                                                     |            |
|                                                                    |                                                                       | 7                                          | able II -                              |                                                                                        |          |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         |          | uired, C<br>s, optior |        |                                                             |        |                                                                         |                                                                                                                   | Owned                                  |                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                     |            |
| 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) | Execution Date, Transaction of         |                                                                                        |          | vative<br>urities<br>uired<br>or<br>oosed<br>O)<br>tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) |          |                       |        |                                                             |        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                     | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | Owr<br>Forr<br>Dire<br>or Ir<br>(I) (I | ership<br>n:<br>ct (D)<br>direct<br>nstr. 4)                      | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownershij<br>(Instr. 4) |                                                     |            |
|                                                                    |                                                                       |                                            |                                        |                                                                                        | Code     | v                                                           | (A)                                                                                                                                     | (D)      | Date<br>Exercisab     |        | xpiration<br>ate                                            | Title  | 1                                                                       | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                            |                                        |                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                     |            |
| Stock<br>option<br>(right to<br>buy)                               | \$0.41                                                                | 03/20/2018                                 |                                        |                                                                                        | М        |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         | 1,993    | (1)                   | 0      | 1/28/2024                                                   | Comm   |                                                                         | 1,993                                                                                                             | \$0.00                                 | 0                                                                 |                                                                    | D                                                   |            |
| Stock<br>option<br>(right to<br>buy)                               | \$0.72                                                                | 03/20/2018                                 |                                        |                                                                                        | М        |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         | 120      | (2)                   | 0      | 8/12/2024                                                   | Comm   |                                                                         | 120                                                                                                               | \$0.00                                 | 51                                                                |                                                                    | D                                                   |            |
| Stock<br>option<br>(right to<br>buy)                               | \$1.52                                                                | 03/20/2018                                 |                                        |                                                                                        | М        |                                                             |                                                                                                                                         | 264      | (3)                   | 1      | 2/07/2024                                                   | Comm   |                                                                         | 264                                                                                                               | \$0.00                                 | 198                                                               |                                                                    | D                                                   |            |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 25% of the shares underlying this option vested on January 29, 2015 and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- 2. 25% of the shares underlying this option vested on August 13, 2015 and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- 3. 25% of the shares underlying this option vested on December 8, 2015 and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Brian F. Leaf, attorney-in-

03/22/2018

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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