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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Flynn James E</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 780 THIRD AVENUE, 37TH FLOOR <hr/> (Street) NEW YORK NY 10017 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Possible Member of 10% Group</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common stock	4,481,788	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Common stock	1,411,628	I	Through Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Cash-Settled Total Return Swap	(3)	10/12/2021	Common Stock	411,822	14.55 ⁽⁴⁾	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Cash-Settled Total Return Swap	(3)	10/12/2021	Common Stock	25,000	13.1404 ⁽⁴⁾	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Cash-Settled Total Return Swap	(3)	10/12/2021	Common Stock	17,343	13.2302 ⁽⁴⁾	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Cash-Settled Total Return Swap	(3)	10/12/2021	Common Stock	13,340	13.25 ⁽⁴⁾	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Cash-Settled Total Return Swap	(3)	10/12/2021	Common Stock	1,565	13.25 ⁽⁴⁾	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Cash-Settled Total Return Swap	(3)	10/12/2021	Common Stock	187,752	12.9893 ⁽⁴⁾	I	Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		
<u>Deerfield Mgmt L.P.</u>		
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		
<u>Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P.</u>		
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Explanation of Responses:

1. This Form 3 is being filed by the undersigned as well as the entities listed on the Joint Filer Information Statement attached as an exhibit hereto (the "Reporting Persons"). Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. is the general partner of Deerfield Partners, L.P. ("Deerfield Partners") and Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. (collectively, the "Funds"). Deerfield Management Company, L.P. is the investment manager of the Funds. James E. Flynn is the sole member of the general partner of each of Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. and Deerfield Management Company, L.P.
2. In accordance with Instruction 5 (b)(iv) to Form 3, the entire amount of the Issuer's securities held by the Funds is reported herein. For purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any such securities, except to the extent of his/its indirect pecuniary interest therein, if any, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or otherwise.
3. Deerfield Partners has entered into a cash-settled total return swap agreement with an unaffiliated third party financial institution, which provides the Deerfield Partners with economic exposure to an aggregate of 656,822 notional shares. The swap agreement provides Deerfield Partners with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership of, but do not provide Deerfield Partners with the power to vote or direct the voting of, or dispose of or direct the disposition of, the shares of common stock that are the subject of such swap agreement.
4. Represents the reference price associated with the swap agreement.

Remarks:

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-in-Fact: Power of Attorney, which is hereby incorporated by reference to Exhibit 24 to a Form 3 with regard to Proteon Therapeutics, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 4, 2017 by Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P., Deerfield Partners, L.P., Deerfield International Master Fund, L.P., Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P., Deerfield Private Design Fund IV, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt IV, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P., and James E. Flynn.

/s/ Jonathan Isler, Attorney-in- Fact 10/23/2018

** 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 5 (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).

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Joint Filer Information

Names: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P.,
Deerfield Partners, L.P., Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P.

Address: 780 Third Avenue, 37th Floor
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Designated Filer: James E. Flynn

Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]

Date of Event Requiring Statement: October 22, 2018

The undersigned, Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P., Deerfield Partners, L.P. and Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P., are jointly filing the attached Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership on Form 3 with James E. Flynn with respect to the beneficial ownership of securities of Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

Signatures:

DEERFIELD MGMT, L.P.

By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler
Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.P.

By: Flynn Management LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler
Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., General Partner

By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler
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DEERFIELD SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P.

By: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., General Partner

By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler
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