FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GOWEN MAXINE				Ac	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ ACRS ]										elationship eck all appli	cable) or	g Pers	10% Ov	wner	
(Last)	(Fi	rst)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2024										Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify
C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 701 LEE ROAD, SUITE 103				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(Street) WAYNE	PA	A	19087														iled by Mor	•	n One Repo	- 1
(City) (State) (Zip)						Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.														
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution			Co	nsacti le (Ins	action Dispos		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Benefici	ies Following (I)		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Cod	ie V		Amount	(A) or (D)		Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 06/0				1/2024			N			4,66	660 A		(1)	16	,961		D			
	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 I if any (Month/Day	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.				6. Date Exercisat Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Ex Da	epiration ate	Title	O N O	umber					
Restricted Stock	(1)	06/01/2024			M			4,660	(2)			(2)	Common Stock	4	4,660	\$0	0		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 vested on June 1, 2024.

/s/ Matthew Rothman, Attorney-in-Fact 06/04/2024

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(For Executing Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5)

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Kevin Balthaser and Matthew Rothman of Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (the "*Company*") and Mark Ballantyne, David Brinton and Robin Lee of Cooley LLP, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents to:

- (1) Prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, Uniform Application for Access Codes to File on EDGAR, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or any rule or regulation thereunder;
- Prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the SEC Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto and joint filing agreements in connection therewith) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director or beneficial owner of more than 10% of a registered class of securities of the Company;
- (3) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to prepare and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 (including amendments thereto and joint filing agreements in connection therewith) and file such forms with the SEC and any stock exchange, self-regulatory association or any similar authority; and
- (4) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by the attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may approve in the attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such ttorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, and their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming (nor is the Company assuming) any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company or (c) as to any attorney-in-fact individually, until such attorney-in-fact is no longer employed by the Company or Cooley LLP, as applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date written below.

Date: <u>05/16/2024</u>

/s/ Maxine Gowen

MAXINE GOWEN