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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Manion Douglas J.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 640 LEE ROAD, SUITE 200 (Street) WAYNE PA 19087 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Pres and CEO</p> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2023 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |

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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$16.97 | 02/01/2023 | | A | | 378,000 | | (1) | 01/31/2033 | Common Stock | 378,000 | \$0.00 | 378,000 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 02/01/2023 | | A | | 108,000 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 108,000 | \$0.00 | 108,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Exercisable with respect to 25% of the shares subject to the option vesting in four equal installments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of January 1, 2023, subject to the Continuous Service of the Reporting Person (as defined in the Plan) as of each such date.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer.
- The shares underlying these restricted stock units vest in four equal installments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of January 1, 2023, subject to the Continuous Service of the Reporting Person (as defined in the Plan) as of each such date.

Remarks:

/s/ Mark Ballantyne, Attorney-in-Fact 02/03/2023

** 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).

** 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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