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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

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| 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. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/21/2019 | |
| 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/21/2019 | | S | | 70,135 | D | \$4.6154 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,096,824 | I | Through Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/21/2019 | | S | | 269,402 | D | \$4.6154 ⁽¹⁾ | 3,842,345 | I | Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/24/2019 | | S | | 13,063 | D | \$4.5225 ⁽⁴⁾ | 1,083,761 | I | Through Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/24/2019 | | S | | 50,177 | D | \$4.5225 ⁽⁴⁾ | 3,792,168 | I | Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/25/2019 | | S | | 10,634 | D | \$4.5089 ⁽⁵⁾ | 1,073,127 | I | Through Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 06/25/2019 | | S | | 40,850 | D | \$4.5089 ⁽⁵⁾ | 3,751,318 | I | Through Deerfield Partners, L.P. ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |

**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 | | | | |

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[Flynn James E](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | |
| DEERFIELD PARTNERS, L.P. | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) |
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| (Street) | | |
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| (City) | | |
| (State) | (Zip) | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 represents a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$4.89, inclusive. The reporting persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1), (4) and (5) of this Form 4.
2. This Form 4 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 with Deerfield Partners, 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.
3. In accordance with Instruction 4(b)(iv) to Form 4, 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, as amended, 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.
4. The price reported in Column 4 represents a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$4.67, inclusive.
5. The price reported in Column 4 represents a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$4.58, inclusive.

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. See footnote (1)

/s/ Jonathan Isler, Attorney-in-Fact 06/25/2019

** 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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Joint Filer Information

Names: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P.,
Deerfield Partners, L.P. and 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 Earliest Transaction
Required To be Reported: June 21, 2019

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 Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4 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 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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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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