# FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>®</sup> Walker Neal		Person	Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ ACRS ]	(Check all applicable)						
				X Director 10% Owner						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2024	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)						
C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 701 LEE ROAD, SUITE 103		TICS, INC.	05/01/2024	Interim President and CEO						
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street)				X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
WAYNE	PA	19087		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(111501. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2024		М		9,466	A	(1)	1,282,668	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2024		F <sup>(2)</sup>		3,223	D	\$1.24	1,279,445	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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ate	Amount of		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)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/01/2024		М			9,466	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	9,466	\$0.00	132,534	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 transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of restricted stock units described in this Form 4.

3. The shares vest in equal monthly installments over 15 months beginning February 1, 2024, subject to the Continuous Service (as defined in the Plan) of the Reporting Person as the Interim CEO to the Company as of each such vesting date, provided that in the event he ceases to be Interim CEO but continues to provide Continuous Service in any capacity, such awards will continue to vest in the event that the Issuer's Board of Directors determines in its sole discretion that he achieved the Performance Goals (as defined in his letter agreement of employment as Interim CEO) prior to the cessation of his employment as Interim CEO.

### Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

<u>/s/ Matthew Rothman,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact</u>

03/05/2024

\*\* 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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## 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;

(2) 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 attorney 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 and the foregoing attorneys-in fact 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: 2/28/2024

By: /s/ Neal Walker Neal Walker