Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Powell Andrew Kenneth

William

Statement

(Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2017

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC., Â 101 LINDENWOOD DRIVE, SUITE 400

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

X Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

MALVERN. PAÂ 19355

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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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)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Derivative Number of Security Shares Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Powell Andrew Kenneth William C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 101 LINDENWOOD DRIVE, SUITE 400 MALVERN, PAÂ 19355

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Signatures

/s/ Brian F. Leaf, Attorney-in-fact

01/26/2017

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * 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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Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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