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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Ruffo Frank	*	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC., 640 LEE ROAD, SUITE 200			(Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2018	Director 10% Owner Selection Officer (give title below) Delow) Chief Financial Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
WAYNE, PA 19087			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I. Non Dominatine Committee A.	arrived Discount of an Bouefaielle Orone		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative :	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct		
(Instr. 3)	(wioning Buy, 1 cur)	any	Code (D)		u 01	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Ilisti. 3 aliu 4)		
Common Stock	12/15/2018		M	1,300	A	<u>(1)</u>	161,885	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2018		F(2)	370	D	\$ 7.31	161,515	D	

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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)	Code	5. Number ion Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2018	M	1,300	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	1,300	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ruffo Frank C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 640 LEE ROAD, SUITE 200 WAYNE, PA 19087

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Mark Ballantyne,

Attorney-in-fact 12/18/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (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 the restricted stock units being reported in this Form 4.
- On December 15, 2016, the reporting person was granted 10,400 restricted stock units. 50% of the shares underlying these restricted stock units vested on May 7, 2018 upon the achievement of a specified commercial milestone. The other 50% of the shares underlying the restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 15, 2017, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

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