Walker Neal Form 4 December 21, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Walker Neal Symbol Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

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

MALVERN, PA 19355

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

12/15/2017

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City)	(State)	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)	, , ,			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/15/2017		M	3,033	A	<u>(1)</u>	877,052	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2017		F(2)	922	D	\$ 24.23	876,130	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2017		M	2,925	A	<u>(1)</u>	879,055	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2017		F(2)	889	D	\$ 24.12	878,166	D	

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

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransaction Derivative ode Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (I	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2017		M	3,0	033	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,033	\$
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/18/2017		M	2,9	925	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,925	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Walker Neal C/O ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 101 LINDENWOOD DRIVE, SUITE 400 MALVERN, PA 19355	X		President and CEO				

Signatures

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

**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.

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- On December 15, 2016, the reporting person was granted 24,266 restricted stock units, with 50% of the shares underlying the restricted stock units vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on December 15, 2017 and the other 50% of the shares underlying these restricted stock units vesting upon the achievement of a specified commercial milestone, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- On December 18, 2015, the reporting person was granted 11,700 restricted stock units, vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on December 18, 2016, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

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