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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. [ACRS] Gordon David N. (Month/Day/Year) 09/05/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 640 LEE ROAD, SUITE 200 (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) WAYNE, PAÂ 19087 Form filed by More than One Chief Medical Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) 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)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	07/01/2028	Common Stock	84,000	\$ 19.53	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	$\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ (2)	Common	24,000	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Gordon David N. 640 LEE ROAD, SUITE 200 WAYNE, PA 19087	Â	Â	Chief Medical Officer	Â			

Date

Signatures

/s/ Brian F. Leaf, 09/11/2018 attorney-in-fact **Signature of Reporting Person

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- 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).
- The option will vest over a period of four years, with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting on the first, second, third and fourth (1) anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date. The expiration date of this option reported in the table is the day before the tenth anniversary of the grant date of the option.
- The shares underlying these restricted stock units vest over a period of four years, with 25% vesting on the first, second, third and fourth (2) anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning on July 2, 2019 and subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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