

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 11, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 9, 2017**

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**Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-37581**  
(Commission File Number)

**46-0571712**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**101 Lindenwood Drive, Suite 400**

**Malvern, PA 19355**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(484) 324-7933

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Company under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the Company is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the Company has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 1.01** **Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On August 10, 2017, Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (the *Company*) entered into an underwriting agreement (the *Underwriting Agreement*) with Jefferies LLC and Leerink Partners LLC, as representatives of the underwriters (the *Underwriters*), to issue and sell 3,260,000 shares of common stock of the Company (*Common Stock*) in an underwritten public offering pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-214384) and a related prospectus and prospectus supplement, in each case filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *Offering*). The offering price to the public is \$23.02 per share of Common Stock. In addition, the Company granted the Underwriters an option to purchase, for a period of 30 days, up to an additional 489,000 shares of Common Stock. The Company estimates that the net proceeds from the Offering will be approximately \$70.3 million, or approximately \$80.9 million if the Underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares of Common Stock, in each case after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, covenants and agreements by the Company, customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of the Company and the Underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit. A copy of the legal opinion as to the legality of the shares of Common Stock to be issued and sold in the Offering is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 8.01** **Other Events.**

On August 9, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the Offering. On August 10, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had priced the Offering. Copies of the press releases are filed herewith as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Exhibit Description</b>   |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1.1                   | Underwriting Agreement by and among Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc., Jefferies LLC and Leerink Partners LLC, dated August 10, 2017. |
| 5.1                   | Opinion of Cooley LLP.   |
| 23.1                  | Consent of Cooley LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).   |
| 99.1                  | Press Release, dated August 9, 2017.   |
| 99.2                  | Press Release, dated August 10, 2017.  |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

Date: August 11, 2017

By: /s/ Frank Ruffo  
Frank Ruffo  
Chief Financial Officer

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