

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2017

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**00461U105**

(CUSIP Number)

**December 31, 2016**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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names of reporting persons

i.r.s. identification no. of above persons  
(entities only)

1.

**Perceptive Advisors LLC**

2. check the appropriate box if a group\* (a)   
sec use only (b)

3.

citizenship or place of organization

4. **Delaware, United States of America**

number of shares	5. sole voting power	0
beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	6. shared voting power	1,260,847
	7. sole dispositive power	0
	8. shared dispositive power	1,260,847
9.	aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person	1,260,847
10.	check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)	<input type="radio"/>
11.	percent of class represented by amount in row (9)	5.88%
12.	type of reporting person (See Instructions)	IA

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names of reporting persons

i.r.s. identification no. of above persons  
(entities only)

1.

**Joseph Edelman**

2. check the appropriate box if a group\* (a)   
sec use only (b)

3.

citizenship or place of organization

4. **United States of America**

number of shares	5. sole voting power	0
beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	6. shared voting power	1,260,847
	7. sole dispositive power	0
	8. shared dispositive power	1,260,847
9. aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person		1,260,847
10. check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)		<input type="radio"/>
11. percent of class represented by amount in row (9)		5.88%
12. type of reporting person (See Instructions)		IN

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names of reporting persons

i.r.s. identification no. of above persons  
(entities only)

1.

**Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund,  
Ltd.**

2. check the appropriate box if a (a)   
group\* (b)   
sec use only

3.

citizenship or place of organization

4. **Cayman Islands**

number of shares	5. sole voting power	0
beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	6. shared voting power	1,194,653
	7. sole dispositive power	0
	8. shared dispositive power	1,194,653
9.	aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person	1,194,653
10.	check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)	<input type="radio"/>
11.	percent of class represented by amount in row (9)	5.57%
12.	type of reporting person (See Instructions)	CO

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**Item 1.**

(a) Name of Issuer: **Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.**

Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: **101 Lindenwood Drive Suite 400 Malvern, PA 19355**

**Item 2.**

(a) Name of Person Filing: **This Schedule 13G (the "Schedule") is being filed with respect to shares of Common Stock (as defined below) of Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Issuer") which are beneficially owned by Perceptive Advisors LLC, Joseph Edelman and Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund, Ltd. (together, the "Reporting Persons"). See Item 4 below.**

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: **51 Astor Place, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10003**

(c) Citizenship: **Perceptive Advisors LLC is a Delaware limited liability company, Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund, Ltd. is a Cayman Islands corporation and Joseph Edelman is a United States Citizen.**

(d) Title of Class of Securities: **Common Stock**

(e) CUSIP Number: **00461U105**

**Item 3.** If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

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- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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**Item 4. Ownership.**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

	Perceptive Advisors LLC and Joseph Edelman beneficially own 1,260,847 shares of Common Stock, 1,194,653 of which are held by Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund Ltd, a private investment fund (the "Fund") to which Perceptive Advisors LLC serves as the investment manager, and 66,194 of which are held in a trading account (the "Account") to which Perceptive Advisors LLC serves as the investment manager. Mr. Edelman is the managing member of Perceptive Advisors LLC.
Amount (a) beneficially owned:	
(b) Percent of class:	Perceptive Advisors LLC's and Joseph Edelman's beneficial



ownership of  
5.88%, and  
Perceptive Life  
Sciences Master  
Fund Ltd's  
beneficial  
ownership of  
5.57%, is based  
on the sum of  
21,432,907  
outstanding  
shares of  
Common Stock  
of the Issuer as  
reflected on the  
Issuer's 10Q filed  
with the SEC on  
November 3,  
2016.

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|-------|--|--|
| (c)   | Number of<br>shares as to<br>which the<br>person has:  | Perceptive<br>Advisors<br>LLC and<br>Joseph<br>Edelman |
| (i)   | Sole power<br>to vote or<br>to direct<br>the vote:<br>Shared<br>power to   | 0  |
| (ii)  | vote or to<br>direct the<br>vote:<br>Sole power<br>to dispose<br>or to direct<br>the<br>disposition<br>of:<br>Shared<br>power to<br>dispose or | 1,260,847  |
| (iii) | to direct<br>the<br>disposition<br>of:   | 0  |
| (iv)  | to direct<br>the<br>disposition<br>of:   | 1,260,847  |

Perceptive Life  
Sciences Master

Fund Ltd:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0  
Shared power to
- (ii) vote or to direct the vote: 1,194,653  
Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0  
Shared power to dispose or
- (iv) to direct the disposition of: 1,194,653

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: o.

**Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

The Fund and the Account described in Item 4 have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from, the sale of the securities held in its account. Filing of this statement by the Reporting Persons shall not be deemed an admission that they beneficially own the securities reported herein. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of all securities reported herein.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.**

Not applicable.

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**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Certification.**

The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to §240.13d-1(b) with respect to Perceptive Advisors LLC:

- (a) By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect. x

The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to §240.13d-1(c) with respect to Joseph Edelman:

- (b) By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect. x

The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to §240.13d-1(c) with respect to Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund Ltd:

- (c) By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect. x

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2017

Date

PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC

/s/ Joseph Edelman

Signature

Joseph Edelman/Managing Member

Name/Title

February 14, 2017

Date

PERCEPTIVE LIFE SCIENCES MASTER FUND LTD

/s/ Joseph Edelman

Signature

Joseph Edelman/Managing Member

February 14, 2017

Date

/s/ Joseph Edelman

Signature

Joseph Edelman

Name/Title

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

*NOTE:* Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* §240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

**Attention:** **Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)**