

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
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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): May 27, 2016

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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

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(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 registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - 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))
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Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 27, 2016, Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with certain accredited investors (the “Investors”), pursuant to which the Company, in a private placement, agreed to issue and sell to the Investors an aggregate of 1,081,082 shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.00001 per share (the “Common Stock”), at a price per share of \$18.50 (the “Shares”), for gross proceeds of approximately \$20.0 million (the “Private Placement”). The Company retained William Blair & Company, L.L.C. as the lead placement agent and Guggenheim Securities, LLC as the co-placement agent for the Private Placement and agreed to pay the placement agents an aggregate fee equal to 6.5% of the gross proceeds from the Private Placement plus the reimbursement of certain expenses. The Company will use the net proceeds from the Private Placement to fund research and development, including new JAK inhibitor programs for androgenetic alopecia (also known as male or female pattern baldness) and vitiligo, as well as ongoing business development.

In connection with the Private Placement, the Company also entered into a Registration Rights Agreement, dated May 27, 2016 (the “Registration Rights Agreement”) with the Investors. Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company is obligated to prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) a registration statement on Form S-1 (the “Registration Statement”) to register for resale the Shares on or prior to July 2, 2016.

The foregoing descriptions of the Purchase Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Purchase Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement, which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Purchase Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement were made solely for the benefit of the parties to the Purchase Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties. Accordingly, the Purchase Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement are incorporated herein by reference only to provide investors with information regarding the terms of the Purchase Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement and not to provide investors with any other factual information regarding the Company or its business, and should be read in conjunction with the disclosures in the Company’s periodic reports and other filings with the SEC.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

Pursuant to the Private Placement described in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, which description is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.02 in its entirety, on June 2, 2016, the Company sold the Shares to “accredited investors,” as that term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), in reliance on the exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act and corresponding provisions of state securities or “blue sky” laws. Each of the Investors represented that it was acquiring the Shares for investment only and not with a view towards, or for resale in connection with, the public sale or distribution thereof. Accordingly, the Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act and such securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws.

Neither this Current Report on Form 8-K nor any exhibit attached hereto is an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Company.



Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Securities Purchase Agreement, dated May 27, 2016, by and between Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. and the investors named therein.
10.2	Registration Rights Agreement, dated May 27, 2016, by and between Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. and the investors named therein.

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: June 2, 2016      By: /s/ Frank Ruffo  
Frank Ruffo  
Chief Financial Officer

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