

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form SC 13D/A  
November 21, 2016

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D/A**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**(Amendment No. 1)\***

**Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.**

**(Name of Issuer)**

**Common Stock**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**00461U 105**

**(CUSIP Number)**

**ALBERT CHA**

**VIVO CAPITAL, LLC**

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**2000 University Avenue**

**East Palo Alto, CA 94303-2215**

**November 16, 2016**

**(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. "

**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 to whom copies are to be sent.

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to \*the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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*).

Name of Reporting Persons

Vivo Ventures VII, LLC

1.

I.R.S. Identification Number of above person: 27-4484686

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (see instructions)

2.

(a)  (b)  (1)  
SEC USE ONLY

3.

Source of Funds (see instructions)

4.

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Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

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Citizenship or Place of Organization:

6.

Delaware

|              |     |                                      |
|--------------|-----|--------------------------------------|
| Number of    | 7.  | Sole Voting Power                    |
| Shares       | 0   |                                      |
| Beneficially |     | Shared Voting Power                  |
| Owned by     | 8.  |                                      |
| Each         |     | 3,283,569 shares of Common Stock (2) |
| Reporting    | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power               |
| Person       | 10. | 0                                    |
|              |     | Shared Dispositive Power             |
| With         |     |                                      |
|              |     | 3,283,569 shares of Common Stock (2) |

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:

11.

3,283,569 shares of Common Stock

Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (see instructions)

12.

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 11:

13.

15.3% (3)

Type of Reporting Person (see instructions):

14.

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(1) This Schedule 13D/A is filed by Vivo Ventures Fund VII, L.P. (“Vivo VII”), Vivo Ventures VII Affiliates Fund, L.P. (“Vivo Affiliates VII”), and Vivo Ventures VII, LLC (“Vivo VII GP”). Vivo VII, Vivo Affiliates VII and Vivo VII GP are herein collectively referred to as the “Reporting Persons”. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim status as a “group” for purposes of this Schedule 13D/A.

(2) The shares are owned by Vivo VII and Vivo Affiliates VII. Vivo VII GP serves as the general partner for each of Vivo VII and Vivo Affiliates VII. Vivo VII GP, Vivo VII and Vivo Affiliates VII share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Vivo VII and Vivo Affiliates VII, and may be deemed to own beneficially the shares held by Vivo VII and Vivo Affiliates VII. These shares consist of 3,283,569 shares of the Issuer’s Common Stock.

(3) This percentage set forth on the cover sheet is calculated based on 21,432,907 shares of the Issuer’s Common Stock outstanding as of November 2, 2016, as reported in the Issuer’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2016 and filed on November 3, 2016.

Name of Reporting Persons

Vivo Ventures Fund VII, L.P.

1.

I.R.S. Identification Number of above person: 27-4485069

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (see instructions)

2.

(a)  (b)  (1)  
SEC USE ONLY

3.

Source of Funds (see instructions)

4.

WC

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

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Citizenship or Place of Organization

6.

Delaware

|              |     |                                      |
|--------------|-----|--------------------------------------|
| Number of    | 7.  | Sole Voting Power                    |
| Shares       | 0   | Shared Voting Power                  |
| Beneficially | 8.  |                                      |
| Owned by     |     | 3,213,532 shares of Common Stock (2) |
| Each         | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power               |
| Reporting    | 0   |                                      |
| Person       | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power             |
| With         |     | 3,213,532 shares of Common Stock (2) |

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

11.

3,213,532 shares of Common Stock (2)

Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (see instructions)

12.

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 11:

13.

15.0% (3)

Type of Reporting Person (see instructions):

14.

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(1) This Schedule 13D/A is filed by the Reporting Persons. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim status as a "group" for purposes of this Schedule 13D/A.

The shares are owned by Vivo VII. Vivo VII GP serves as the general partner for Vivo VII. Vivo VII GP and Vivo (2) VII share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Vivo VII, and may be deemed to own beneficially the shares held by Vivo VII. These shares consist of 3,213,532 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

This percentage set forth on the cover sheet is calculated based on 21,432,907 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock

(3) outstanding as of November 2, 2016, as reported in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2016 and filed on November 3, 2016.

Name of Reporting Persons

Vivo Ventures VII Affiliates Fund, L.P.

1.

I.R.S. Identification Number of above person: 38-3860034

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (see instructions)

2.

(a)  (b)  (1)

SEC USE ONLY

3.

Source of Funds (see instructions)

4.

WC

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

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Citizenship or Place of Organization

6.

Delaware

Number of Sole Voting Power

Shares 7.

Beneficially 0  
Shared Voting Power

Owned by 8.

Each 70,037 shares of Common Stock (2)

Reporting Sole Dispositive Power

Person 9.

With 0  
10. Shared Dispositive Power



70,037 shares of Common Stock (2)

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

11.

70,037 shares of Common Stock (2)

Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (see instructions)

12.

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 11:

13.

0.3% (3)

Type of Reporting Person (see instructions):

14.

PN

- (1) This Schedule 13D/A is filed by the Reporting Persons. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim status as a “group” for purposes of this Schedule 13D/A.  
The shares are owned by Vivo Affiliates VII. Vivo VII GP serves as the general partner for Vivo Affiliates VII.
- (2) Vivo VII GP and Vivo Affiliates VII share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Vivo Affiliates VII, and may be deemed to own beneficially the shares held by Vivo Affiliates VII. These shares consist of 70,037 shares of the Issuer’s Common Stock.  
This percentage set forth on the cover sheet is calculated based on 21,432,907 shares of the Issuer’s Common Stock
- (3) outstanding as of September 30, 2016, as reported in the Issuer’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2016 and filed on November 3, 2016.

## SCHEDULE 13D/A

**Explanatory Note:** This Amendment No. 1 (the “Amendment”), which amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D filed on October 13, 2015 (the “Prior 13D”) by the Reporting Persons, relates to the common stock, par value \$0.00001 per share (the “Common Stock”) of Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 101 Lindenwood Drive, Suite 400, Malvern, PA 19355.

Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported on the Prior 13D. All capitalized terms contained herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Prior 13D.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The Reporting Persons sold the numbers of shares of Common Stock set forth below on the respective dates set forth below.

| Vivo VII          |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Date              | Number of Shares |
| November 16, 2016 | 448,063          |
| November 18, 2016 | 440,402          |
| Total             | 888,465          |

| Vivo VII Affiliates |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Date                | Number of Shares |
| November 16, 2016   | 9,765            |
| November 18, 2016   | 9,598            |
| Total               | 19,363           |

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) The information requested by this paragraph is incorporated herein by reference to the information provided on the cover pages to this Schedule 13D/A.

(b) The information requested by this paragraph is incorporated herein by reference to the information provided on the cover page to this Schedule 13D/A.

(c) Except as disclosed herein, none of the Reporting Persons or their affiliates has effected any other transactions in the securities of the Issuer during the past 60 days.

(d) Not Applicable.

(e) Not Applicable.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits**

A. Agreement regarding filing of joint Schedule 13D/A

## SIGNATURES

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.

Date: November 21, 2016

Vivo Ventures Fund VII, L.P.

By: Vivo Ventures VII, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Albert Cha

Albert Cha, M.D., Ph.D.

Managing Member

Vivo Ventures VII Affiliates  
Fund, L.P.

By: Vivo Ventures VII, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Albert Cha

Albert Cha, M.D., Ph.D.

Managing Member

Vivo Ventures VII, LLC

By: /s/ Albert Cha

Albert Cha, M.D., Ph.D.

Managing Member

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.

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

A. Agreement regarding filing of joint Schedule 13D/A

**Exhibit A**

**JOINT FILING STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, hereby express my agreement that the attached Schedule 13D/A (and any amendments thereto) relating to the Common Stock of Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned.

Date: November 21, 2016

Vivo Ventures Fund VII, L.P.

By: Vivo Ventures VII, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Albert Cha  
Albert Cha, M.D., Ph.D.  
Managing Member

Vivo Ventures VII Affiliates  
Fund, L.P.

By: Vivo Ventures VII, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Albert Cha  
Albert Cha, M.D., Ph.D.  
Managing Member

Vivo Ventures VII, LLC

By: /s/ Albert Cha  
Albert Cha, M.D., Ph.D.  
Managing Member