

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 14, 2019

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**(Amendment No. 1)**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.00001  
(Title of Class of Securities)

00461U105  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2018  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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

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

\*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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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).

CUSIP No. 00461U105

**Names of  
Reporting  
Persons**

**I.R.S.  
Identification**

**1. Nos. of above  
persons  
(entities only)**

D. E. Shaw &  
Co., L.L.C.

13-3799946

**2. Check the  
Appropriate  
Box if a  
Member of a  
Group (See  
Instructions)**  
(a) ..  
(b) ..

**3. SEC Use Only**

**Citizenship or  
Place of**

**4. Organization**

Delaware

**Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With** **5.** **Sole Voting Power**  
-0-

**6.** **Shared Voting Power**  
2,278,364

**Sole Dispositive Power**

7.  
-0-

**Shared Dispositive Power**

8.  
2,278,364

**Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**

9.  
2,278,364

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

**Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)**

11.  
5.6%

**Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**

12.  
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D. E. Shaw &  
Co., L.P.

13-3695715

**2. Check the  
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Group (See  
Instructions)**

(a) ..  
(b) ..

**3. SEC Use Only**

**Citizenship or  
Place of**

**4. Organization**

Delaware

**Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With** **5.** **Sole Voting Power**  
-0-

**6.** **Shared Voting Power**  
2,280,294

**Sole Dispositive Power**

7.  
-0-

**Shared Dispositive Power**

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2,280,294

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**Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**

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IA, PN

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**Names of  
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Persons**

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Identification**

**1. Nos. of above  
persons  
(entities only)**

David E. Shaw

**Check the  
Appropriate  
Box if a  
2. Member of a  
Group (See  
Instructions)**

(a) ..  
(b) ..

**3. SEC Use Only**

**Citizenship or  
Place of  
4. Organization**

United States

**Number of 5. Sole Voting Power**

**Shares**

**Beneficially**

**Owned by -0-**

**Each**

**Reporting**

**Person  
With**

**Shared Voting Power**

**6.**  
2,280,294

**Sole Dispositive Power**

**7.**  
-0-

**Shared Dispositive Power**

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2,280,294

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**9.**  
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**Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)**

**11.**  
5.6%

**Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**

**12.**  
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**Item 1.**

- (a) **Name of Issuer**  
Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.
- (b) **Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices**  
640 Lee Road, Suite 200  
Wayne, PA 19087

**Item 2.**

- (a) **Name of Person Filing**  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.  
David E. Shaw
- (b) **Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence**  
The business address for each reporting person is:  
1166 Avenue of the Americas, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10036
- (c) **Citizenship**  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.  
David E. Shaw is a citizen of the United States of America.
- (d) **Title of Class of Securities**  
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001
- (e) **CUSIP Number**  
00461U105

**Item 3.** If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is  
a:

Not Applicable

**Item 4. Ownership**

As of December 31, 2018:

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

D. E. Shaw & Co., 2,278,364 shares  
L.L.C.:

This is composed of (i) 1,530,295 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 745,544 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., and (iii) 2,525 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C.

D. E. Shaw & Co., 2,280,294 shares  
L.P.:

This is composed of (i) 1,530,295 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 745,544 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., (iii) 2,525 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and (iv) 1,930 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

David E. Shaw: 2,280,294 shares

This is composed of (i) 1,530,295 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 745,544 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., (iii) 2,525 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and (iv) 1,930 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

(b) Percent of class:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	5.6%
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	5.6%
David E. Shaw:	5.6%

(c) Number of shares to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	-0- shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	-0- shares
David E. Shaw:	-0- shares

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	2,278,364 shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	2,280,294 shares
David E. Shaw:	2,280,294 shares

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	-0- shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	-0- shares
David E. Shaw:	-0- shares

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	2,278,364 shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	2,280,294 shares
David E. Shaw:	2,280,294 shares

David E. Shaw does not own any shares directly. By virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., which in turn is the investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Adviser, L.L.C., which in turn is the investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and by virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc., which is the managing member of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Manager, L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., David E. Shaw may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of, the 2,280,294 shares as described above constituting 5.6% of the outstanding shares and, therefore, David E. Shaw may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares. David E. Shaw disclaims beneficial ownership of such 2,280,294 shares.

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

**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

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below, each of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., and David E. Shaw certify that, to the best of such reporting person's 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 such purposes or effect.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. Powers of Attorney, dated March 1, 2017, granted by David E. Shaw in favor of Nathan Thomas, are attached hereto.

Dated: February 14, 2019

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.

By: /s/ Nathan Thomas  
Nathan Thomas  
Authorized Signatory

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

By: /s/ Nathan Thomas  
Nathan Thomas  
Chief Compliance Officer

David E. Shaw

By: /s/ Nathan Thomas  
Nathan Thomas  
Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw