

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No. )<sup>1</sup>

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Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

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Common Stock, \$0.00001 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

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00461U105

(CUSIP Number)

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January 13, 2022

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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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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<sup>1</sup> 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*).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  2,093,085
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  2,093,085
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  2,093,085	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  3.4%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BVF I GP LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,093,085
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,093,085
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 2,093,085	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 3.4%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON OO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  1,522,970
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  1,522,970
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  1,522,970	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  2.5%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  BVF II GP LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  1,522,970
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  1,522,970
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  1,522,970	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  2.5%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  OO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Biotechnology Value Trading Fund OS LP	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Cayman Islands	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  189,520
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  189,520
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  189,520	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  Less than 1%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  BVF Partners OS Ltd.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Cayman Islands	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  189,520
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  189,520
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  189,520	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  Less than 1%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  CO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  BVF GP HOLDINGS LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  3,616,055
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,616,055
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,616,055	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  5.9%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  OO	



1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  BVF Partners L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  3,868,043
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,868,043
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,868,043	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  6.3%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN, IA	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  BVF Inc.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  3,868,043
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,868,043
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,868,043	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  6.3%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  CO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Mark N. Lampert	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  United States	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER  3,868,043
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,868,043
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,868,043	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  6.3%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  IN	

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:  
Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer").

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
640 Lee Road, Suite 200  
Wayne, PA 19087

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing  
Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence  
Item 2(c). Citizenship

Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P. ("BVF")  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: Delaware

BVF I GP LLC ("BVF GP")  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: Delaware

Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P. ("BVF2")  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: Delaware

BVF II GP LLC ("BVF2 GP")  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: Delaware

Biotechnology Value Trading Fund OS LP ("Trading Fund OS")  
PO Box 309 Uglan House  
Grand Cayman, KY1-1104  
Cayman Islands  
Citizenship: Cayman Islands

BVF Partners OS Ltd. ("Partners OS")  
PO Box 309 Uglan House  
Grand Cayman, KY1-1104  
Cayman Islands  
Citizenship: Cayman Islands

BVF GP Holdings LLC ("BVF GPH")  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: Delaware

BVF Partners L.P. ("Partners")  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: Delaware

BVF Inc.  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: Delaware

Mark N. Lampert (“Mr. Lampert”)  
44 Montgomery St., 40th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94104  
Citizenship: United States

Each of the foregoing is referred to as a “Reporting Person” and collectively as the “Reporting Persons.”

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$0.00001 par value per share (the “Shares”).

Item 2(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:

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|     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable.  |
| (a) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.  |
| (b) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.  |
| (c) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.  |
| (d) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.   |
| (e) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).  |
| (f) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).   |
| (g) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).   |
| (h) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.   |
| (i) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act.  |
| (j) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | A non-U.S. institution, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).  |
| (k) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution: _____ |

## Item 4. Ownership

## (a) Amount beneficially owned:

As of the close of business on January 24, 2022, (i) BVF beneficially owned 2,093,085 Shares, (ii) BVF2 beneficially owned 1,522,970 Shares and (iii) Trading Fund OS beneficially owned 189,520 Shares.

BVF GP, as the general partner of BVF, may be deemed to beneficially own the 2,093,085 Shares beneficially owned by BVF.

BVF2 GP, as the general partner of BVF2, may be deemed to beneficially own the 1,522,970 Shares beneficially owned by BVF2.

Partners OS, as the general partner of Trading Fund OS, may be deemed to beneficially own the 189,520 Shares beneficially owned by Trading Fund OS.

BVF GPH, as the sole member of each of BVF GP and BVF2 GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,616,055 Shares beneficially owned in the aggregate by BVF and BVF2.

Partners, as the investment manager of BVF, BVF2 and Trading Fund OS, and the sole member of Partners OS, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,868,043 Shares beneficially owned in the aggregate by BVF, BVF2 and Trading Fund OS and held in a certain Partners managed account (the "Partners Managed Account"), including 62,468 Shares held in the Partners Managed Account.

BVF Inc., as the general partner of Partners, may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,868,043 Shares beneficially owned by Partners.

Mr. Lampert, as a director and officer of BVF Inc., may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,868,043 Shares beneficially owned by BVF Inc.

The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by any Reporting Person as to beneficial ownership of any Shares owned by another Reporting Person. BVF GP disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned by BVF. BVF2 GP disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned by BVF2. Partners OS disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned by Trading Fund OS. BVF GPH disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned by BVF and BVF2. Each of Partners, BVF Inc. and Mr. Lampert disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned by BVF, BVF2 and Trading Fund OS and held in the Partners Managed Account, and the filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that any such person or entity is the beneficial owner of any such securities.

## (b) Percent of class:

The following percentages are based on 61,227,333 Shares outstanding as of October 29, 2021, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2021.

As of the close of business on January 24, 2022, (i) BVF beneficially owned approximately 3.4% of the outstanding Shares, (ii) BVF2 beneficially owned approximately 2.5% of the outstanding Shares, (iii) Trading Fund OS beneficially owned less than 1% of the outstanding Shares, (iv) BVF GP may be deemed to beneficially own approximately 3.4% of the outstanding Shares, (v) BVF2 GP may be deemed to beneficially own approximately 2.5% of the outstanding Shares, (vi) Partners OS may be deemed to beneficially own less than 1% of the outstanding Shares, (vii) BVF GPH may be deemed to beneficially own approximately 5.9% of the outstanding Shares, and (viii) each of Partners, BVF Inc. and Mr. Lampert may be deemed to beneficially own approximately 6.3% of the outstanding Shares (less than 1% of the outstanding Shares are held in the Partners Managed Account).

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote  
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote  
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

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.

BVF GPH, Partners, BVF Inc. and Mr. Lampert share voting and dispositive power over the Shares beneficially owned by BVF, BVF2, BVF GP and BVF2 GP. Partners, BVF Inc. and Mr. Lampert share voting and dispositive power over the Shares beneficially owned by Trading Fund OS and held in the Partners Managed Account.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary That 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.

See Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its 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.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 24, 2022

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P.

By: BVF I GP LLC., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE TRADING FUND OS LP

By: BVF Partners L.P., its investment manager

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

BVF I GP LLC

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BVF GP HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P.

By: BVF II GP LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BVF PARTNERS L.P.

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

BVF II GP LLC

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BVF INC.

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

BVF PARTNERS OS LTD.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its sole member

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

/s/ Mark N. Lampert  
MARK N. LAMPERT



**Joint Filing Agreement**

The undersigned hereby agree that the Statement on Schedule 13G dated January 24, 2022 with respect to the Common Stock, \$0.00001 par value per share of Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any further amendments thereto executed by each and any of the undersigned shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Dated: January 24, 2022

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P.

By: BVF I GP LLC., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BVF I GP LLC

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P.

By: BVF II GP LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BVF II GP LLC

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
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BVF PARTNERS OS LTD.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its sole member  
By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE TRADING FUND OS LP

By: BVF Partners L.P., its investment manager  
By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

BVF GP HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
Chief Executive Officer

BVF PARTNERS L.P.

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

BVF INC.

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert  
Mark N. Lampert  
President

/s/ Mark N. Lampert  
MARK N. LAMPERT