FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	Instruction 1(b).							

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  EDWARDS MARK G						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
,	AC	ACRX ]								-		ector icer (give title		10% Owner Other (specify						
(Last) (First) (Middle)																ow)		pelow)		
C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)													
351 GALVESTON DRIVE							08/07/2018													
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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(City)	(St	ate) (	Zip)																	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,		Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquire Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 8)					Secu Bene Own	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		ship ect irect l)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		rice	Tran	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common	2018	018		P		5,300	A	\$	\$2.842	(1)	160,300	D								
		Та	ble II -								osed of, convertib				Owne	k				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		(	3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)		Owner Form Direct or Ind (I) (In	ership : t (D) direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shai	nber						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The price reported on Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions ranging from \$2.80 to \$2.845 on August 7, 2018. The reporting person will provide upon request to the SEC, the issuer or security holder of Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.

## Remarks:

/s/ Martha Adler, Attorney-In-Fact 08/08/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$ 

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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