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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ASADORIAN RAFFI				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ ACRX ]										cable) or (give title	0	10% Ov Other (s	vner
(Last) ( C/O ACELRX PH 351 GALVESTON		(Middle) ICALS, INC.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2019								A below) below) Chief Financial Officer				
(Street) REDWOOD CA 94063				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				n
(City) (	State)	(Zip)															
	Ta	ble I - Non	-Deriva	ativ	e Se	curitie	s Ao	cquired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	neficia	ly Owned				
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Common Stock									┢			+	`	939 <sup>(1)</sup>	┢	D	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
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			Co	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	1				
Stock Option (Right to Buy) \$2.225	11/02/2019			A		40,563		11/02/2019	9 <sup>(2)</sup>	11/02/2028	Common Stock	40,563	\$0.00	81,12	25	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Balance includes non-reportable acquisition of 3,542 shares of Common Stock through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

2. On April 7, 2018, the reporting person was granted a performance-based option to purchase 81,125 shares of common stock, subject to the Company's achievement of commercial approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") of its new drug application for "DSUVIA" on or before February 15, 2019. Once the performance criteria is achieved, the option vests in two equal installments with 50% of the option vesting upon the Company's achievement of the performance criteria and the remaining 50% of the option vesting on the one-year anniversary of the date of such achievement, in all cases subject to continuous service to the Company. The performance criteria for commercial approval by the FDA for DSUVIA was met on November 2, 2018, resulting in vesting of the option as to 40,562 shares on that date. On November 2, 2019, the remaining balance of the option vested.

## **Remarks:**

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

<u>/s/ Martha Adler, Attorney-In-</u> <u>Fact</u>

11/04/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Ruben Garcia, Martha Adler and Mark Weeks, or either of them signing singly, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney in fact to: prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's (1)behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC; execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's (2) capacity as an officer, director and/or more than 10% stockholder of AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder; do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which (3) may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the (4)foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney in fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney in fact may approve in such attornev in fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney in fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney in fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney in fact. This Power of Attorney supersedes any prior power of attorney granted by the undersigned with respect to Forms 3, 4, and 5.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of July, 2019. /s/ Raffi Asadorian Raffi Asadorian