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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>WAN MARK A |                 | Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer   |  |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)<br>3200 ALPINE  | (First)<br>ROAD | (Middle)                      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>03/07/2014                    | (Check all applicable)<br>X Director X 10% Owner<br>Officer (give<br>title below) (specify<br>below)  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>PORTOLA<br>VALLEY                                      | СА              | 94028                         | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</li> <li>(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)         | (Zip)                         |  | Reporting Person  |  |  |  |  |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |   |                                     |   |   |                  |                           |  |                                  |   |  |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securit<br>or Dispos<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | ed o             |                           | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned                            |                                  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|  |  |   | Code                                | v | Amount                                  | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price                     | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and<br>4) | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4)  |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 46,661                                  | D                | \$ 12.3882 (5)            | 3,658,051  | 1                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(1)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 12,186                                  | D                | \$ 11.96 <sup>(6)</sup>   | 3,645,865  | 1                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(1)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/10/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 298,508                                 | D                | \$ 12.36                  | 3,347,357  | 1                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(1)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 2,508                                   | D                | \$ 12.3882 <sup>(5)</sup> | 196,666  | 1                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(2)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 655                                     | D                | \$ 11.96 <sup>(6)</sup>   | 196,011  | I                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(2)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/10/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 16,049                                  | D                | \$ 12.36                  | 179,962  | I                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(2)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 79,645                                  | D                | \$ 12.3882 (5)            | 6,243,889  | I                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(3)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 20,800                                  | D                | \$ 11.96 <sup>(6)</sup>   | 6,223,089  | I                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(3)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/10/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 509,520                                 | D                | \$ 12.36                  | 5,713,569  | I                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(3)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 1,759                                   | D                | \$ 12.3882 <sup>(5)</sup> | 137,862  | 1                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(4)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/07/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 459                                     | D                | \$ 11.96 <sup>(6)</sup>   | 137,403  | I                                | See<br>footnote <sup>(4)</sup>                      |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 03/10/2014                                 |   | S                                   |   | 11,250                                  | D                | \$ 12.36                  | 126,153  | I                                | See<br>footnote (4)                                 |  |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|   | (c.g., puls, curs, warrants, options, convertible securities)         |  |   |                                    |   |                         |     |   |                    |  |  |                                      |  |                       |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----|---|--------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |  | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8 |   | Number of<br>Derivative |     | 6. Date<br>Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and<br>4) |  | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Form of<br>Derivative | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | Code                               | v | (A)                     | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                      |  |                       |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares are owned directly by Three Arch Partners III, L.P. ("TAP III"). Three Arch Management III, L.L.C. ("TAM III"), the general partner of TAP III, has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by TAP III. Mark A. Wan and Wilfred Jaeger, the managing members of TAM III, share the voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares held by TAP III. Such persons and entities disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by TAP III except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

2. The shares are owned directly by Three Arch Associates III, L.P. ("TAA III"). TAM III, the general partner of TAA III, has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by TAA III. Mark A. Wan and Wilfred Jaeger, the managing members of TAM III, share the voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares held by TAA III. Such persons and entities disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by TAA III except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

3. The shares are owned directly by Three Arch Partners IV, L.P. ("TAP IV"). Three Arch Management IV, L.L.C. ("TAM IV"), the general partner of TAP IV, has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by TAP IV. Mark A. Wan and Wilfred Jaeger, the managing members of TAM IV, share the voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares held by TAP IV. Such persons and entities disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by TAP IV except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

4. The shares are owned directly by Three Arch Associates IV, L.P. ("TAA IV"). TAM IV, the general partner of TAA IV, has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by TAA IV. Mark A. Wan and Wilfred Jaeger, the managing members of TAM IV, share the voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares held by TAA IV. Such persons and entities disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by TAA IV except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

5. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.07 to \$13.05, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

6. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.90 to \$12.01, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

## <u>/s/ Mark A. Wan</u> 03/11/2014

\*\* 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).

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