## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and A		eporting Person <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX]					
1	(First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/29/2011	(Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) (specify below)				
(Street) REDWOOD CITY	CA	94063	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing     (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Reporting Person				

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8)			spos	Acquired sed of (D) nd 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/29/2011		Р		500	Α	\$ 3.2682	300,951	D			
Common Stock	08/29/2011		Р		500	Α	\$ 3.28	17,982	ı	See Footnote (1)		

	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	4. 5. Transaction Number of		rative rities ired osed			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares are held in trust for Mr. Schreck's children. Mr. Schreck disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.

/s/ James Welch, Attorneyin-Fact 08/31/2011

\*\* 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). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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