FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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ADAMS ADDIAN	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2013	nent /	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ACRX ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AUXILIUM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 640 LEE ROAD (Street) CHESTERBROOK PA 197087 (City) (State) (Zip)		4		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	on(s) to Issu 10% Owne Other (spe below)	(Mo	ndividual or Join blicable Line)  Form filed b	t/Group Filing (Check  y One Reporting  y More than One erson
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		te	3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit 4)			4. Conversion or	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

<u>/s/ Christopher Whitmore,</u> <u>Attorney-in-fact</u> <u>02/12/2013</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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