## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESM

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>   | 2. Date of Event<br>Requiring               | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX]   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| ACP IV, L.P.   | Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>02/10/2011 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s)<br>to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date of<br>Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>ONE EMBARCADERO CENTER,<br>SUITE 3700,<br>(Street)<br>SAN<br>FRANCISCO CA 94111 | 02/10/2011                                  | (Check all applicable)<br>DirectorX10% Owner<br>Other<br>(specify<br>below)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing<br>(Check Applicable Line)Officer (give<br>title below)Other<br>(specify<br>below)Form filed by One<br>Reporting PersonXTo% Owner<br>Other<br>(specify<br>below)Form filed by More than<br>One Reporting Person |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |   |  |  |  |  |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned |  |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)                        | 2. Amount of<br>Securities Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. 5) |  |  |  |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |                 |   |                                |   |  |   |  |
|--|---|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)  | 2. Date<br>Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities<br>Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                                | Conversion<br>or<br>Excercise           | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|  | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of<br>SharesM | Derivative                              | or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>5)       | (Instr. 5)  |  |
| Series A Convertible Prefered<br>Stock   | (1)   | (1)             | Common Stock  | 500,000 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>     | <b>\$</b> <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> | D <sup>(4)</sup>                       |   |  |
| Series B Convertible Preferred<br>Stock  | (1)   | (1)             | Common Stock  | 218,750 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>      | <b>\$</b> (1) (5)                       | D (4)                                  |   |  |
| Series C Convertible Preferred<br>Stock  | (1)   | (1)             | Common Stock  | 810,129 (2) (6)                | \$ (1) (6)                              | D <sup>(4)</sup>                       |   |  |
| Convertible Promissory Notes   | (7)   | (7)             | Common Stock  | \$<br>1,742,043.52             | <b>\$</b> (7)                           | D <sup>(4)</sup>                       |   |  |
| Warrant to Purchase Series C<br>Convertible Preferred Stock  | (8)   | (9)             | Series C<br>Convertible<br>Preferred Stock  | 110,457 <sup>(2)</sup>         | \$ 3.9428 <sup>(2)</sup>                | D (4)                                  |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Shares"), the shares of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Shares"), and the shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series C Shares") are immediately convertible into shares of the Issuer's common stock. These shares have no expiration date.

2. Reflects 1-4 reverse stock split of the Issuer's outstanding securities effective January 28, 2011.

3. These shares will automatically convert into 682,904 shares of the Issuer's common stock immediately prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.

4. ACMP IV, LLC ("ACMPIV") is the general partner of ACP IV, L.P. ("ACPIV"). Jean Deleage, Daniel Janney, David Mack, and Guy Nohra are directors of ACMPIV and may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to all securities of the Issuer held by ACPIV. Guy Nohra is also a director of the Issuer. Mr. Deleage, Mr. Janney, Mr. Mack, and Mr. Nohra disclaim beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his proportionate pecuniary interest therein.

5. These shares will automatically convert into 328,064 shares of the Issuer's common stock immediately prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.

6. These shares shall automatically convert into common stock on a one-to-one basis upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.

7. Principal amount of \$1,742,043.52, plus interest accrued at 4% per annum shall automatically convert into shares of common stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering at 80% of the initial public offering price per share.

8. Exercisable contingent upon and effective immediately prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.

9. Pursuant to its terms, warrant shall terminate at the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering. ACPIV has elected to net exercise the warrants contingent upon and effective immediately prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering of common stock. In the event the Issuer's public offering does not occur, the warrant shall terminate on September 14, 2017, unless earlier terminated in accordance with its terms, in a liquidation or change of control transaction.

| <u>/s/ by ACMP IV, LLC,</u><br>general partner, by Guy<br>Nohra, Director | <u>02/10/2011</u> |  |  |
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| ** Signature of Reporting<br>Person                                       | Date              |  |  |
| <u>/s/ Daniel Janney</u>  | <u>02/10/2011</u> |  |  |
| ** Signature of Reporting<br>Person                                       | Date              |  |  |
| <u>/s/ Jean Deleage</u>   | 02/10/2011        |  |  |
| ** Signature of Reporting<br>Person                                       | Date              |  |  |
| /s/ David Mack  | <u>02/10/2011</u> |  |  |
| ** Signature of Reporting<br>Person                                       | Date              |  |  |
| /s/ by Guy Nohra, Director  | 02/10/2011        |  |  |
| ** Signature of Reporting<br>Person                                       | Date              |  |  |
| /s/ Guy Nohra   | 02/10/2011        |  |  |

\*\* Signature of Reporting Date Person

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 5(b)(v).

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