ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

06/19/2017

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 51 ASTOR	(First) (1	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/19/2017			Director Officer (give below)	titleX 10% below)	Owner or (specify	
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10003			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		

(A)

or

(D)

Price

Amount

875,000 D

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

Code

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

4,533,728

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

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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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	t of ying es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 51 ASTOR PLACE, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10003		X				
PERCEPTIVE LIFE SCIENCES MASTER FUND LTD 51 ASTOR PLACE, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10003		X				
EDELMAN JOSEPH 51 ASTOR PLACE, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10003		X				

Signatures

/s/ Joseph Edelman - for Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund Ltd., By: Perceptive Advisors LLC, its investment manager, By: Joseph Edelman, its managing member			
**Signal	ture of Reporting Person	Date	
/s/ Joseph Edelman - for Perceptive Advisors LLC, By: Joseph Edelman, its managing member			
<u>**</u> Signal	ture of Reporting Person	Date	
/s/ Joseph Edelman		06/21/2017	
<u>**</u> Signat	ture of Reporting Person	Date	

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- * 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).

The securities are directly held by Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"). Perceptive Advisors LLC (the "Advisor") serves as the investment manager of Master Fund. Joseph Edelman is the managing member of the Advisor. Each of Mr.

(1) Edelman and the Advisor disclaims, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of his/its indirect pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that either Mr. Edelman or the Advisor is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

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