#### ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

September 30, 2016

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

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director X\_\_ 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

51 ASTOR PLACE, 10TH FLOOR, 09/28/2016

> (Street) 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

NEW YORK, NY 10003

(State)

(011)	(State)	Table 1 - 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie our Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ	<b>)</b> )	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/28/2016		S	119,300	D	\$ 3.9596	5,483,610	I	See Footnotes (1) (2)
Common Stock	09/29/2016		S	97,200	D	\$ 3.8798	5,386,410	I	See Footnotes (1) (2)

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

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration Da	ite	Amou	nt of	Derivative	]
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	]
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	Security				Acquired						I
					(A) or						1
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						Exercisable Date	Date		Number		
				G 1 W	(A) (B)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				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					
EDELMAN JOSEPH C/O PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 51 ASTOR PLACE, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10003		X					
PERCEPTIVE LIFE SCIENCES MASTER FUND LTD C/O PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 51 ASTOR PLACE, 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10003		X					
Signatures							
/s/ Joseph Edelman, managing member of Perceptive Adv LLC	isors	09/30	/2016				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- This Form 4 is being filed by Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), Perceptive Advisors LLC (the "Advisor")

  (1) and Joseph Edelman. The Advisor serves as the investment manager of Master Fund and to a managed account (the "Managed Account") for Titan Perc, Ltd. Mr. Edelman is the managing member of the Advisor.

Date

(2) This amount reflects the amount of securities held by the Master Fund and the Managed Account immediately following the transaction requiring the filing of this statement. In accordance with Instruction 5(b)(iv) of Form 4, the entire amount of the Issuer's securities held by Master Fund and the Managed Account is reported herein. Each of Mr. Edelman and the Advisor disclaims, for purposes of Section 16 of

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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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