

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 EDWARDS MARK G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACELRX
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 575
 CHESAPEAKE DRIVE

(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS
 INC [ACRX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/14/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 11/14/2011 | 11/14/2011 | P | 40,000 | A | 2.9 | 40,000 D |
| | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | |

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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu | Deriv | Secur | Bene | Own | Follo | Repo | Trans | (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|-------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EDWARDS MARK G C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 575 CHESAPEAKE DRIVE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/Christopher Whitmore,
Attorney-in-fact

11/16/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were bought in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.85-\$3.00, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Acelrx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., any security holder of Acelrx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Comission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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