

CARE CAPITAL II LLC  
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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 \*  
 CARE CAPITAL II LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC [ACUR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 47 HULFISH STREET, SUITE 310  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/17/2013

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

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

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)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/17/2013		S		350,000 (1)	D	\$ 2.35 (2)	6,240,815	I	See Footnote (3)
Common Stock	05/20/2013		S		160,000 (4)	D	\$ 2.39 (5)	6,080,815	I	See Footnote (6)

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

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## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The shares were sold as follows: 327,530 by Care Capital Investments II, LP and 22,470 by Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.42 to \$2.23, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Acura Pharmaceuticals, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (5) to this Form 4.

(3) Consists of 5,840,171 shares held by Care Capital Investments II, LP and 400,644 shares held by Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P. Care Capital II, LLC is the general partner of Care Capital Investments II, LP and Care Capital Offshore Investments II, LP and as a result, Care Capital II, LLC has the ultimate power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or direct the disposition of such shares. Care Capital II, LLC is managed by three or more members and accordingly none of the managing members is deemed to have voting or dispositive control over the securities.

(4) The shares were sold as follows: 149,728 by Care Capital Investments II, LP and 10,272 by Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P.

(5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.45 to \$2.35, inclusive.

(6) Consists of 5,690,443 shares held by Care Capital Investments II, LP and 390,372 shares held by Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P. Care Capital II, LLC is the general partner of Care Capital Investments II, LP and Care Capital Offshore Investments II, LP and as a result, Care Capital II, LLC has the ultimate power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or direct the disposition of such shares. Care Capital II, LLC is managed by three or more members and accordingly none of the managing members is deemed to have voting or dispositive control over the securities.

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