

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 \*  
 Hamel Lawrence G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACELRX  
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 351  
 GALVESTON 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)  
 10/17/2013

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)  
 Chief Development Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	10/17/2013		A		3,520	\$ 1.2	34,228 D
Common Stock	10/17/2013		D		1,000	\$ 8.54	33,228 D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.2	10/17/2013		D	3,520	(1) 04/03/2017	Common Stock	4,437

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hamel Lawrence G  
C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
351 GALVESTON DRIVE  
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

Chief Development Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher Whitmore,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/18/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) The shares subject to the option vest as follows: 1/4 of the shares subject to the option vest on September 20, 2007 with the remaining shares subject to the option vesting on an equal monthly basis over the following 36 months.

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