

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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See Instruction  
1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HOFFMAN C STEVEN2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS  
INC [ACRX]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SKYLINE VENTURES, 525  
UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE  
6103. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/21/2016☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             |                                                                      | Price                                                             |

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

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(9-02)**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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock<br>(Right to<br>Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 2.87                                                               | 06/21/2016                              |                                                             | A                                       | 15,000                                                                                                       | 07/21/2016 <sup>(2)(3)</sup> 06/20/2026                        | Common<br>Stock 15,000                                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOFFMAN C STEVEN<br>C/O SKYLINE VENTURES<br>525 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 610<br>PALO ALTO, CA 94301 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Martha Adler,  
Attorney-in-fact 06/22/2016

\_\_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) Issued pursuant to the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) The shares subject to the option vest as follows: 1/24th of the shares subject to the option vest in equal monthly installments over 24 months, subject to Optionee's Continuous Service on the Company's Board of Directors.

(3) 100% Acceleration upon Change of Control.

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