

WESSON BRUCE F
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FORM 4

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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 *
WESSON BRUCE F

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2019

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

C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 616 N. NORTH COURT SUITE 120

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PALATINE, IL 60067

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/02/2019		M ⁽¹⁾	66,666 A	(2) 520,593 (3)	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (2017 Plan)	(2) (4)	01/02/2019		M	66,666	(5) (5)	Common Stock	66,666
Restricted Stock Units (2017 Plan)	(2) (4)	01/02/2019		A	83,333	(7) (7)	Common Stock	83,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WESSON BRUCE F C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 616 N. NORTH COURT SUITE 120 PALATINE, IL 60067	X			

Signatures

/s/ Bruce Wesson
01/08/2019
 **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) Represents exchange of restricted stock units.
- (2) Par value of \$.01 per share must be paid by Reporting Person upon exchange of Restricted Stock Units for stock
- (3) Does not include Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) 1 - for - 1
25% of Restricted Stock Units vested on March 31, 2018, 25% vested on June 30, 2018; 25% vested on September 30, 2018 and 25% vested on December 31, 2018. Restricted Stock Units are being exchanged on a one for one basis for common stock, in each case upon payment of par value.
- (6) N/A

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- 25% of Restricted Stock Units vest on the last day of each of March, June, September and December 2019, subject to immediate vesting in the event of a change of control and certain other events. Reporting Person may elect to exchange up to 40% of Restricted Stock Units
- (7) for cash and the remaining Restricted Stock Units will be exchanged on a one for one basis for common stock, in each case upon payment of, or deduction of par value. Distributions in respect of vested Restricted Stock Units will be made on the first business day of January 2020, or earlier upon a change of control.

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