

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

Form 4

January 07, 2013

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WESSON BRUCE F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

PALATINE, IL 60067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2013

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)	8.
Director Stock Options	\$ 2.32 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2013		A	15,000	⁽²⁾ 01/01/2023	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Bruce
Wesson
01/07/2013

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) Exercise price is closing price of Issuer's common stock on January 2, 2013.
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of shares underlying options vest on, and are exercisable commencing, each of March 31, 2013, June 30, 2013, September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013.
- (3) Not Applicable.

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