

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC  
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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 \*  
Seiser Robert A

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)  
01/16/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, Controller & Treasurer

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. 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)
				Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/16/2014		M		6,225 A \$ 1.3	115,866	D	
Common Stock	01/16/2014		F		4,447 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 1.82	111,419	D	
Common Stock	01/16/2014		F		694 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 1.82	110,725	D	

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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)
Stock Options	\$ 1.3	01/16/2014		M	6,225	01/01/2014 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/09/2014	Common Stock 6,225

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Seiser Robert A C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 616 N. NORTH COURT SUITE 120 PALATINE, IL 60067			VP, Controller & Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Robert Seiser 01/17/2014

\*\*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) Shares withheld by the Issuer for payment by the Reporting Person to the Issuer of his option exercise price.
- (2) Shares withheld by the Issuer for payment by the Reporting Person of his tax withholdings.
- (3) Option is exercisable with respect to remaining 6,225 shares being exercised herewith commencing January 1, 2014. Option was previously exercised for 18,675 shares, which became exercisable in installments in prior years.
- (4) N/A

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