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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| ASADORIAN RAFFI | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2018 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | k all appl Director Office below Cividual or | icable) or r (give title) Chief Final Joint/Grou | 10% Or Other (s below) 1 Officer Ing (Check A porting Personal One Report | wner specify pplicable | |
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| | | Tab | le I - N | on-Deriv | ative S | Sec | urities | Ac | quired, [| Disp | osed o | of, or B | enefic | cially | Owne | d | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day. | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transact Code (In 8) | | and 5) | | or Pr | 7. 3, 4 Secur Benef Owne Follow Report Price Trans | | ties For cially (D) I Ind ving (Ins | | m: Direct or irect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| 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) | if any | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivativ Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Ownershi Form: y Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$2.225 | 11/02/2018 | | | A | | 40,562 | | 11/02/2018 | 11 | /02/2028 | Common Stock | 40,50 | 62 | \$0.00 | 40,562 ⁽¹ |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. On April 7, 2018, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 81,125 shares of common stock. The option vests in two equal annual installments based on Company's achievement of commercial approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") of its new drug application for "DSUVIA" on or before February 15, 2019; and the remaining 50% of the award shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the date of such FDA approval, in all cases subject to continuous service to the Company. The performance criteria for commercial approval by the FDA for DSUVIA was met on November 2, 2018, resulting in vesting of the option as to 40,562 shares.

Remarks:

/s/ Martha Adler, Attorney-In-Fact 11/05/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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