

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 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 \*  
 PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC

2. 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)  
 499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR,  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/23/2013

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/23/2013		P	850,000 A \$ 11.65	5,858,400	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
EDELMAN JOSEPH C/O PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
PERCEPTIVE LIFE SCIENCES MASTER FUND LTD C/O PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph Edelman, managing member of Perceptive Advisors LLC

07/24/2013

\_\_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) This Form 4 is being filed by Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), Perceptive Advisors LLC (the "Advisor") and Joseph Edelman. The Advisor serves as investment manager to the Master Fund and to a managed account (the "Managed Account") for BioEdelman LLC, an entity directly owned by Mr. Edelman. Mr. Edelman is the managing member of the Advisor.
- (2) This transaction reflects the purchase of securities by the Advisor on behalf of the Master Fund.
- (3) This amount reflects the total amount of securities held by the Master Fund immediately following the transaction requiring the filing of this statement. In accordance with Instruction 5(b)(iv) of Form 4, the entire amount of the Issuer's securities held by the Master Fund is reported herein. Each of Mr. Edelman and the Advisor disclaims, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of his/its indirect pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Edelman or the Advisor is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any

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