

Saia John G.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Saia John G.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,Â 351 GALVESTON DRIVE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>REDWOOD CITY,Â CAÂ 94063</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>04/16/2018</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) General Counsel and Secretary</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| <p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p> | <p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p> |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| <p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative</p> | <p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:</p> | <p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p> |
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|-------------|------------|-------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Date | Expiration | Title | Amount or | Security | Direct (D) |
| Exercisable | Date | | Number of | | or Indirect |
| | | | Shares | | (I) |
| | | | | | (Instr. 5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Saia John G. C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 351 GALVESTON DRIVE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 | Â | Â | Â General Counsel and Secretary | Â |

Signatures

/s/ John G. Saia 04/18/2018

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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