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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dasu Badri N

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

INC [ACRX]

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

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

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Engineering Officer

C/O ACELRX 02/11/2019 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 351

(Middle)

GALVESTON DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Price Amount (D)

Common 02/11/2019 Stock (1)

50,000 \$0 104,061 Α (2)

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 orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.51	02/11/2019		A	100,000		<u>(3)</u>	02/11/2029	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dasu Badri N C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 351 GALVESTON DRIVE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

Chief Engineering Officer

Signatures

/s/ Martha Adler,

Attorney-In-Fact 02/13/2019

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units shall vest in three equal consecutive annual installments on February 11, 2020, February 11, 2021 and February 11, 2022.
- (3) The shares subject to the option vest as follows: 25% of the shares subject to the option vest on the 12 month anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date and the remaining shares subject to the option vest on an equal monthly basis over the following 36 months.

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