

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

September 28, 2011

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EDWARDS MARK G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACELRX  
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 575  
CHESAPEAKE DRIVE

(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS  
INC [ACRX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/26/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |                    |                 |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                 | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 3.25                                                               | 09/26/2011                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                              | 15,000                                                         |                                                                     | 10/26/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> | 09/25/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 15,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EDWARDS MARK G<br>C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.<br>575 CHESAPEAKE DRIVE<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/Christopher Whitmore,  
Attorney-in-fact

09/28/2011

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) Issued pursuant to the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan

(2) The shares subject to the option vest as follows: 1/36th of the shares subject to the option per month on an equal monthly basis over a three-year period beginning 10/26/2011.

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