

KING RICHARD  
Form 4  
February 07, 2013

**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 \*  
**KING RICHARD**

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)

**C/O ACELRX  
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 351  
GALVESTON DRIVE**

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/05/2013**

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

**REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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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) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock<br>(Right to<br>Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 5.31                                                               | 02/05/2013                              |                                                             | A                                       | 507,057                                                                                                   | 02/05/2014 <sup>(2)(3)</sup> 02/04/2023                        | Common<br>Stock 50                                             |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KING RICHARD<br>C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.<br>351 GALVESTON DRIVE<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James Welch,  
Attorney-in-fact  
  
02/07/2013

\_\_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) Issued pursuant to the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.

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  
(2) Commencement Date (February 5, 2013) and the remaining shares subject to the option vest on an equal monthly basis over the following  
36 months.

(3) The shares have double-trigger acceleration on a change of control.

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