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November 05, 2018 **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hamel Lawrence G Issuer Symbol ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS (Check all applicable) INC [ACRX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O ACELRX 11/02/2018 Chief Development Officer PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 351 **GALVESTON DRIVE** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 4. Securities Acquired Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership

| | | ` <u> </u> | Code V | ' Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 11/02/2018 | | A | 5,000 | A | \$ 2.225 | 34,795 | I | By the Hamel Revocable Living Trust |
| Common Stock | 11/02/2018 | | D | 5,000 (1) | D | \$ 5 | 29,795 | I | By the Hamel Revocable Living Trust |

Common Stock

24,371

D

(9-02)

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)

| 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. Transactio 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 Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|-------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nur of S |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.225 | 11/02/2018 | | A | 26,125 | | 11/02/2018(2) | 11/02/2028 | Common Stock | 26 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.225 | 11/02/2018 | | D | | 5,000 | 11/02/2018(2) | 11/02/2028 | Common Stock | 5, |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hamel Lawrence G C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 351 GALVESTON DRIVE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

Chief Development Officer

Signatures

/s/ Martha Adler.

Attorney-In-Fact 11/05/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
 - On April 7, 2018, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 52,250 shares of common stock. The option vests in two equal annual installments based on Company's achievement of commercial approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") of its
- (2) new drug application for "DSUVIA" on or before February 15, 2019; and the remaining 50% of the award shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the date of such FDA approval, in all cases subject to continuous service to the Company. The performance criteria for commercial approval by the FDA for DSUVIA was met on November 2, 2018, resulting in vesting of the option as to 26,125 shares.

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