ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rosen Howard B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS

(Check all applicable)

CEO

INC [ACRX]

03/28/2016

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

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify below)

C/O ACELRX

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 351

GALVESTON DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration | | 7. Title and Amou | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orDerivative | ative Date | | Underlying Secur | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and | 4) |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or | | | | |
| | Derivative | | | | Disposed of (D) | | | | |
| | Security | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, and | | | | |
| | | | | | 5) | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nui Sha |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1) | \$ 3.1 | 03/28/2016 | | A | 800,000 | 05/01/2016(2)(3) | 03/28/2026 | Common Stock | 80 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| . 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Rosen Howard B | | | | | | |
| C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. | X | | CEO | | | |
| 351 GALVESTON DRIVE | Λ | | CEO | | | |
| REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Martha Adler,

Attorney-in-fact 03/30/2016

**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: 1/48th of the shares subject to the option vest in equal monthly installments over 48 months, so long as the optionee continues to provide services to the Company.
- (3) 100% Acceleration upon Change of Control.

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