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ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 4 February 06, 2014 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 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 WELCH JAMES H 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) below) C/O ACELRX 02/04/2014 Chief Financial 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 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 2 4. 7. Title and Amour Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Date Underlying Securit or Exercise Security any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amo Date or Num of Sh Stock Option Common \$10.34 02/04/2014 75,000 02/04/2015⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ 02/03/2024 75,0 Α (Right to Stock Buy) (1)**Reporting Owners** Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address** Director 10% Owner Officer Other WELCH JAMES H C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. **Chief Financial Officer** 351 GALVESTON DRIVE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 Signatures /s/ Christopher Whitmore, 02/06/2014 Attorney-in-fact **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- ** 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 4, 2014) and the remaining shares subject to the stock 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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