

Sherman Matthew L  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Sherman Matthew L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ACCELERON PHARMA INC  
 [XLRN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 128 SIDNEY STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/03/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Medical Officer

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |                         |        |   |                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|----------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code                                                              | V                                                                                             | Amount                                                   | (A) or (D)                                            | Price                   |        |   |                      |
| Common Stock                    | 04/03/2018                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 3,700                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       | \$ 38.28 <sup>(2)</sup> | 69,667 | D |                      |
| Common Stock                    | 04/03/2018                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 900                                                                                           | D                                                        |                                                       | \$ 39.04 <sup>(3)</sup> | 68,767 | D |                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |                         | 8,500  | I | By Irrevocable Trust |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Sherman Matthew L<br>128 SIDNEY STREET<br>CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 |               |           | EVP & Chief Medical Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John D. Quisel, as attorney-in-fact for Matthew L. Sherman  
 Date: 04/04/2018

\_\_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) The reported transactions were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.79 to \$38.71 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Acceleron Pharma Inc., any security holder of Acceleron Pharma Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2) to this Form 4.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.80 to \$39.59 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Acceleron Pharma Inc., any security holder of Acceleron Pharma Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (3) to this Form 4.

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