

ASADORIAN RAFFI
Form 4
August 17, 2017

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
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ASADORIAN RAFFI

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/16/2017

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 (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	(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 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount of Shares Owned
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3	08/16/2017		A	220,000	08/16/2018 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ 08/15/2027	Common Stock	22

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ASADORIAN RAFFI C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 351 GALVESTON DRIVE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Martha Adler,
Attorney-In-Fact 08/17/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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 (August 16, 2018) and the remaining shares subject to the option vest on an equal monthly basis over the following
36 months.

(3) 100% Acceleration upon Change of Control.

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