FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SUMNER WILLIAM						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC ACUR.OB									all app			wner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 616 N. NORTH COURT						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2006										belov	er (give title w)		below)	(specify
(Street) PALANT			50067 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	eficia	ally (Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed (Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4						6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
										v	Amount	mount (A) or (D)		Price	Transaction(c			action(s)	(1130.4)	
Common	Stock ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾			02/11/	/11/2006				A		1,000,0	00	A	(1	.)	1,000,000			D	
	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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		Transa Code (5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				e	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title		ount	ıt r		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ov Fo Dir or (I)	vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Grant is a grant of Restricted Stock Units. Restricted Stock Units represent rights to an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Upon receipt of Common Stock under the Restricted Stock Units, holders of Restricted Stock Units must pay par value (\$.01) for each share acquired.
- 2. Restricted Stock Units vest as follows: 388,889 vest upon issuance and 27,777.77 (2.7778%) of such units vest on the first day of each month beginning March 1, 2006 and ending December 1, 2007. Absent a change of control, 250,000 shares of common stock will be distributed under the Restricted Stock Units (after payment of \$.01 par value per share) on January 1st of each 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. If a change of control occurs (whether prior to or after 2011), one share of common stock will be distributed for each outstanding Restricted Stock Unit (after payment of \$.01 per share par value) at or about the time of the change of control.

/s/ William Summer 02/14/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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