FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SKELLY WILLIAM G						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC ACUR ACUR										ationship of Report k all applicable) Director Officer (give title		10% C		wner (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 616 N. NORTH COURT				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2013											belov	v)		below)		
(Street) PALATIN (City)			50067 Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/							ay/Yea	r)		. Indivi ine) X	Form	r Joint/Group n filed by Ond n filed by Mod on	e Repo	orting Pers	on
		Tabl	e I - Nor	ı-Deriv	ative	Se	curiti	es Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	efici	ally (Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		Disposed	rities Acquired (A ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			nd	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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	Tran		saction(s) r. 3 and 4)			(1130.4)		
Common Stock					05/22/2013				S		3,900		D	\$2.	.33	33 29,100 ⁽¹⁾			D	
Common Stock				05/22/2013		3			S		100		D	\$2.33		.33 29,000(1)			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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of i		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			Deriv	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Ownership Form:	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 25,000 Restricted Stock Units.

Remarks:

/s/ William Skelly 05/23/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
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