

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Boehm Garth</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>616 N NORTH COURT</u> (Street) <u>PALATINE IL 60067</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/11/2009</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC [ACUR]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div>Director10% Owner</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)Other (specify below)</div> <div><u>VP Mod. Rel. Dosage Form Dev.</u></div>	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div>	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
No Securities Owned	0	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Garth Boehm
** Signature of Reporting Person

05/12/2009
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 5 (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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