

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CLEMENS PETER A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>616 N. NORTH COURT, SUITE 120</u> (Street) <u>PALATINE</u> <u>IL</u> <u>60067</u> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC [</u> <u>ACUR.OB]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior VP and CFO</u>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/08/2007</u>					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 ⁽¹⁾	11/08/2007		S		3,000	D	\$1.5	4,664,508	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/09/2007		S		30,000	D	\$1.35	4,634,508	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/09/2007		S		18,000	D	\$1.2629	4,616,508	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/09/2007		S		6,140	D	\$1.25	4,610,368	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/12/2007		S		23,500	D	\$1.25	4,586,868	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/12/2007		S		17,500	D	\$1.2	4,569,368	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/12/2007		S		40,800	D	\$1.19	4,528,568	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/12/2007		S		17,000	D	\$1.18	4,511,568	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/13/2007		S		46,000	D	\$1.1	4,465,568	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/13/2007		S		2,000	D	\$1.09	4,463,568	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/13/2007		S		60,566	D	\$1.05	4,403,002	D	
Common Stock								25,228	I	by daughter
Common Stock								22,557	I	by minor son

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
									Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. 4,400,000 represents Restricted Stock Units which vest as follows: 1,452,000 vested upon issuance and 122,833.33 of such units vest on the first day of each month beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 1, 2007. Absent a change of control, 1,100,000 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 of 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.

Remarks:

/s/ Peter A. Clemens 11/13/2007
** 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).
** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

