

EDELMAN JOSEPH  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC			(Month/Day/Year)		ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ACRX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR,Â			(Check all applicable)			
(Street)			___ Director		__X__ 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022			___ Officer		___ Other	___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)		(specify below)	__X__ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Common Stock	5,008,400	I	See Footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

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

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**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)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
PERCEPTIVE LIFE SCIENCES MASTER FUND LTD C/O PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
EDELMAN JOSEPH C/O PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC 499 PARK AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph Edelman, managing member of Perceptive Advisors LLC

12/13/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) This Form 3 is being filed by Perceptive Life Science Master Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), Perceptive Advisors LLC (the "Advisor") and Joseph Edelman. The Advisor serves as the investment manager of Master Fund. Mr. Edelman is the managing member of the Advisor.

(2) This amount reflects the amount of securities held by the Master Fund immediately following the transaction requiring the filing of this statement. In accordance with Instruction 5(b)(iv) of Form 3, the entire amount of the Issuer's securities held by Master Fund is reported herein. Each of Mr. Edelman and the Advisor disclaims, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of his/its indirect pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that either Mr. Edelman or the Advisor is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

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