

SKELLY WILLIAM G

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 *
SKELLY WILLIAM G

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol
**ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS,
 INC [ACUR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2017

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

**C/O ACURA
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 616
 N. NORTH COURT**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
 Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
 Person

PALATINE, IL 60067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2017		P ⁽¹⁾		100,000	A	\$ 0.1
					128,345		D

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SKELLY WILLIAM G
C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
616 N. NORTH COURT
PALATINE, IL 60067

X

Signatures

/s/ William
Skelly

12/14/2017

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

Reporting Person is among buyers of shares in a private transaction pursuant to a stock purchase agreement entered into with Galen
(1) Partners III, LP, Galen Employee Fund III, LP and Galen Partners International III, LP in connection with their disposition of
substantially all of their shares of Issuer.

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