ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC Form 10-Q/A February 16, 2016 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20649 Form 10-Q/A (Mark One) QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE PACT OF 1934. For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015 or "TRANSACTION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE **ACT OF 1934** For the transition period from _____ to ____ **Commission File Number 1-10113**

Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 11-0853640

(State or other Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

616 N. North Court, Suite 120

Palatine, Illinois 60067 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

847 705 7709

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 S-T (§232.405 of this charter) during the preceding 12 months (or to such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large" filer, "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company b

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No b

As of July 30, 2015 the registrant had 59,006,817 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (also referred to as the "Company," "we," or "our") is filing this amendment (Amendment No. 1) to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 (the June 30, 2015 Form 10-Q), originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 3, 2015, for the sole purpose of providing a revised copy of Exhibit 10.1 to restore certain information following correspondence with the Securities and Exchange Commission that was previously omitted from Exhibit 10.1 pursuant to a request for confidential treatment. All other items of the June 30, 2015 Form 10-Q are unaffected by the change described above and have been omitted from this Amendment No. 1. As required, the Company is filing with this Amendment No. 1 updated certifications of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2, which, in accordance with published guidance of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, are abbreviated from the certifications filed with the original Form 10-Q in light of the limited scope of this Amendment No. 1.

This Amendment No. 1 does not reflect events occurring after the filing of the June 30, 2015 Form 10-Q or modify or update those disclosures. In particular, the number of shares of common stock outstanding on the cover page does not reflect a 1 for 5 reverse stock split effected on or about August 27, 2015 or any shares issued after July 31, 2015. Accordingly, this Amendment No. 1 should be read in conjunction with our filings made with the SEC subsequent to the filing of the June 30, 2015 Form 10-Q, including any amendments to those filings.

Item 6. Exhibits

The Exhibit Index listed under Item 6 of Part II of the June 30, 2015 Form 10-Q is hereby amended such that Exhibit 10.1 is replaced in its entirety by the document attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Amendment No. 1, which is hereby included as an exhibit to the June 30, 2015 Form 10-Q.

- License and Development Agreement dated as of June 5, 2015 between the Registrant and Bayer HealthCare 10.1 LLC (certain information has been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission and confidential treatment has been requested with respect to the omitted portion).
- 31.1 Certification of Periodic Report by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 31.2 Certification of Periodic Report by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- *32.1 Certification of Periodic Report by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- *101.INSXBRL Instance Document
- *101.SCHXBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- *101.CALXBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
- *101.LABXBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
- *101.PREXBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase
- *101.DEFXBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
- * Filed as an Exhibit to the Form 10-Q for the quarter ending June 30, 2015 on August 3, 2015

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

February 16, 2016 ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

/s/ Robert B. Jones Robert B. Jones Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Peter A. Clemens Peter A. Clemens Senior VP & Chief Financial Officer