October 10, 2017 **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549 FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT** Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act Of 1934 October 9, 2017 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) State of New York 1-10113 11-0853640 (State of Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Identification Number)

616 N. North Court, Suite 120

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

Form 8-K

Palatine, Illinois 60067

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Co
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(847) 705-7709

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Item 8.01

Other Events.

On October 9, 2017 we announced results from clinical study AP-LTX-300, a parallel design pharmokinetic study testing our LIMITxTM formulation LTX-03 in healthy adult subjects.

A press release regarding the foregoing is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 9, 2017

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.

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter A. Clemens Peter A. Clemens Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 9, 2017

Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 9, 2017