

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

Form 4

January 03, 2014

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Jones Robert B

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2014

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

(Street)
PALATINE, IL 60067

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

(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)
Common Stock	01/01/2014		F	(A) or (D) 11,924 (1)	\$ 1.67	62,921	D
Common Stock	01/01/2014		F	143 (2)	\$ 1.67	62,778	D

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef 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
Jones Robert B C/O ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 616 N NORTH COURT PALATINE, IL 60067	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Robert B.
Jones

01/03/2014

__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).

- (1) Shares of common stock of the Issuer withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of the Reporting Person's tax withholdings on the exchange of 23,750 Restricted Stock Units for common stock of the Issuer.
- (2) Shares withheld by the Issuer for payment by the Reporting Person to the Issuer of \$0.01 par value per share for each of 23,750 Restricted Stock Units exchanged. Shares were previously included in Reporting Person's holdings.

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