ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

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Form 8-K

August 26, 2013 **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** August 26, 2013 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)

Palatine, Illinois 60067
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(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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"Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-L(c))

#### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On August 26, 2013 we issued a press release announcing top-line results from Study AP-ADF-301 (Study 301), a phase II clinical study in 40 recreational drug abusers assessing the abuse liability of snorting a crushed hydrocodone bitartrate with acetaminophen tablet formulated with our abuse deterrent AVERSION® technology. The press release is attached hereto and filed as Exhibit 99.1.

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

### Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated August 26, 2013

### **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: August 26, 2013

### **Exhibit Index**

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