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(Silect)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual of Joint/Group Filing(Check			
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
		X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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Person

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

GALVESTON DRIVE

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	02/11/2019		Code V A	Amount 50,000 (2)	(D)	Price \$ 0	74,371	D	
Common Stock							29,795	I	By the Hamel Revocable Living Trust

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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.51	02/11/2019		A	100,000	(3)	02/11/2029	Common Stock	100,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hamel Lawrence G C/O ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 351 GALVESTON DRIVE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

Chief Development Officer

Signatures

/s/ Martha Adler,

Attorney-In-Fact 02/13/2019

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units shall vest in three equal consecutive annual installments on February 11, 2020, February 11, 2021 and February 11, 2022.
- (3) The shares subject to the option vest as follows: 25% of the shares subject to the option vest on the 12 month anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date and the remaining shares subject to the option vest on an equal monthly basis over the following 36 months.

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