

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2012

**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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 20, 2012**

**ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**  
**(State of incorporation)**

**001-35068**  
**(Commission**  
**File No.)**  
**575 Chesapeake Drive**

**41-2193603**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

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**Redwood City, CA 94063**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 216-3500**

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On March 20, 2012, AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this Item 2.02 and in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained in this Item 2.02 and in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission made by the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**  
**(d) Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 20, 2012.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 21, 2012

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ James H. Welch  
James H. Welch  
Chief Financial Officer

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