

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

Reported by
SCHUTTE JOHN

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	616 N. NORTH COURT, SUITE 120 PALATINE, IL 60067
Telephone	847-705-7709
CIK	0000786947
Symbol	ACUR
SIC Code	2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations
Industry	Biotechnology & Medical Research
Sector	Healthcare
Fiscal Year	12/31

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schutte John (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 7/24/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC [ACUR]
9707 SHELBYVILLE ROAD (Street)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)
LOUISVILLE, KY 40233 (City) (State) (Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8912655	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Warrant	7/24/2017	7/23/2022	Common Stock	1782531	\$0.528	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schutte John 9707 SHELBYVILLE ROAD LOUISVILLE, KY 40233		X		

Signatures

/s/ **John Schutte**

8/2/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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