ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

Form 8-K

December 20, 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
December 20, 2012
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)
616 N. North Court, Suite 120

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Palatine, Illinois 60067
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(847) 705-7709
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 20, 2012 we issued a press release announcing that we filed an Investigational New Drug application ("IND") with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to allow clinical testing of Acura's hydrocodone bitartrate with acetaminophen formulated with Aversion® Technology and that clinical testing can commence under the IND 30-days following the IND filing unless questions are raised by the FDA. A copy of our press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 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 thereunto duly authorized.

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By:/s/ Peter A. Clemens Peter A. Clemens Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 20, 2012

Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 20, 2012