April 04, 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 April 4, 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

Identification Number)

616 N. North Court, Suite 120

of Incorporation)

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

Form 8-K

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

On April 4, 2013 we issued a press release announcing that we were awarded. Patent No. 8,409,616 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, containing claims covering Oxecta® (oxycodone HCl) tablets CII licensed to Pfizer, certain opioid products being developed by us, and inventions, including, our Aversion polymer matrix when utilized with any water soluble drug of abuse.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated April 4, 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: April 4, 2013

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