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February 26, 2016		
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		
February 25, 2016		
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	1
of Incorporation)	Identification Nu	moer)
616 N. North Court, Suite 120		

Palatine, Illinois 60067

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(847) 705-7709
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
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"Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-L(c))

Item Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e)

On February 25, 2016 our Board of Directors, following the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, increased the annual target bonus for Al Brzeczko, Vice President, Technical Affairs of Acura Pharmaceutical Technologies, Inc. from 35% to 50% of base salary, with a possible additional 15% bonus of base salary (for a total possible bonus of 65% of base salary) for 2016.

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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: February 25, 2016