ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC Form 8-K March 08, 2010

### 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

March 8, 2010
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

### ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

State of New York (State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-10113 (Commission File Number) 11-0853640 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

616 N. North Court, Suite 120
Palatine, Illinois 60067
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(847) 705-7709

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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)
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240.14d-2(b))	
]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 8, 2010, we issued a press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, announcing results of Study AP-ADF-114 titled "A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo- and Active-Controlled Study to Assess the Relative Abuse Potential of Acurox® (oxycodone HCl and niacin) Tablets in Non-Dependent Recreational Opioid Users."

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 8, 2010.

#### **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 Clemens Peter A. Clemens Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 8, 2010

# EXHIBIT INDEX

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