#### ACCELERON PHARMA INC

Form 4

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# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Quisel John D	^	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			ACCELERON PHARMA INC [XLRN]	(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Nother (give title Other (specify				
128 SIDNEY STREET (Street)			09/21/2016	below) below) SVP, Bus. Dev., GC & Secretary				
			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) <b>Tab</b> l	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/21/2016		M(1)	781	A	\$ 7.12	77,004	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	13,671	A	\$ 24.11	90,675	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2016		M(1)	11,500	A	\$ 3.88	102,175	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2016		S <u>(1)</u>	45,952	D	\$ 38.05 (2)	56,223	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 7.12	09/21/2016		M <u>(1)</u>		781	<u>(3)</u>	12/12/2022	Common Stock	781
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 24.11	09/21/2016		M <u>(1)</u>		13,671	(3)	12/05/2023	Common Stock	13,671
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.88	09/21/2016		M(1)		11,500	(3)	12/02/2020	Common Stock	11,500

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Quisel John D 128 SIDNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

SVP, Bus. Dev., GC & Secretary

**Signatures** 

/s/ John D. 09/23/2016 Quisel

\*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reported transactions were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.00 to \$38.40 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Acceleron Pharma Inc., any security holder of Acceleron Pharma Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- (3) The options of registrant's common stock vest in equal quarterly installments over the first four years after the grant.

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