

MCLAUGHLIN KEVIN F  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MCLAUGHLIN KEVIN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ACCELERON PHARMA INC  
 [XLRN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 128 SIDNEY STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/02/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, CFO and Treasurer

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/02/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,000	D 42.42 (2)	45,300	D
Common Stock	01/03/2018		M	6,251	A \$ 3.88	51,551	D
Common Stock	01/03/2018		M	6,250	A \$ 5.28	57,801	D
Common Stock	01/04/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	14,800	D \$ 43 (3)	43,001	D
Common Stock	01/04/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D \$ 43.84	42,801	D

(4)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.88	01/03/2018		M	6,251	<sup>(5)</sup> 12/02/2020	Common Stock	6,251
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 5.28	01/03/2018		M	6,250	<sup>(6)</sup> 12/16/2021	Common Stock	6,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCLAUGHLIN KEVIN F 128 SIDNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139			SVP, CFO and Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ John D. Quisel, as attorney-in-fact for Kevin F. McLaughlin 01/04/2018

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$42.06 to \$42.83 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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$42.74 to \$43.64 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 (3) to this Form 4.

(4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$43.79 to \$43.90 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 (4) to this Form 4.

(5) The options of registrant's common stock vested as to 25% of the shares on the first anniversary of the grant and in equal installments quarterly thereafter.

(6) The options of registrant's common stock vested in equal quarterly installments over the first four years after the grant.

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