March 23, 2015 **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 23, 2015 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

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):

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"Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-L(c))

### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 23, 2015 we issued a press release announcing preliminary topline results from a pilot clinical study which demonstrated bioequivalence of one formulation of NEXAFED® (pseudoephedrine HCl) extended-release tablets to Sudafed® 12-Hour Tablets. The press release is attached hereto and filed as Exhibit 99.1.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

### **Exhibit Number Description**

99.1 Press Release dated March 23, 2015

### **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: March 23, 2015

## **Exhibit Index**

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