FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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# INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Nuerge William A.		. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUPERNUS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ SUPN ]						
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	04/30/2012		Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable)		son(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
C/O SUPERNUS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1550 EAST GUDE DRIVE (Street)				X	Director Officer (give title below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
ROCKVILLE MD	20850									
(City) (State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)				2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock					8,750	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur 4)			4. Convei		5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Exerci Price o Deriva Securi	of tive	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

### **Explanation of Responses:**

### Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Gregory S. Patrick, as attorney-in-fact
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

04/30/2012 Date

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

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

#### Power of Attorney

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints GREGORY S. PATRICK with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder.
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any securities exchange or similar authority; and
- take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and condition as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 3rd day of April, 2012.