FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PACE GARY W          |   |        |       |  |          |                 | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ PCRX ] |        |   |                |                             |                       |   |   |                    |   | olicable)   | g Person(s) to<br>10%  | Issuer<br>Owner                       |  |
|--|---|--------|-------|--|----------|-----------------|--|--------|---|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.       |   |        |       |  |          |                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2018                              |        |   |                |                             |                       |   |   |                    | Offic<br>belov  | er (give title<br>w)  | Othe<br>below  | r (specify<br>v)                      |  |
| 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300  (Street) PARSIPPANY NJ 07054          |   |        |       |  |          | 4. If           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                 |        |   |                |                             |                       |   |   | 6. Indi<br>Line)   | X Form filed by One Reporting Person                              |   |  |                                       |  |
| (City)   |   | State) |       | Zip)                                       |          | ,               |  |        |   |                |                             |                       |   |   |                    | Forn<br>Pers  |   | e than One Re  | porting                               |  |
|  |   |        | Table | e I - No                                   | on-Deriv | ative           | Sec  | uritie | s Ac  | quire          | d, Dis                      | sposed o              | f, or E   | 3enef   | icially            | Owne  | ed  |  |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) |   |        |       |  |          | Execution Date, |  |        | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquir Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 18)                                  |                |                             |                       |   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported |                    | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                               |  |                                       |  |
|  |   |        |       |  |          |                 |  |        |   | Code           | v                           | Amount                | (A) or<br>(D) Pric  |   | ce                 | Transa  | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |  | (iiisti. 4)                           |  |
| Common Stock 11/19/20  |   |        |       |  |          | 2018            | 018  |        |   | P              |                             | 4,500                 | A \$46.18   |   | 6.18(1)            | .8 <sup>(1)</sup> 32,819  |   | D  |                                       |  |
|  |   |        | Та    | ble II -                                   |          |                 |  |        |   |                |                             | osed of,<br>convertib |   |   |                    | wned  |   |  |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |        |       | 3A. Dee<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/I | on Date, |                 | ransaction<br>code (Instr.   |        | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                | EXERC<br>tion Da<br>n/Day/Y |                       | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>and 4) |   | Der<br>Sed<br>(Ins | rice of<br>ivative<br>urity<br>tr. 5)                             | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |        |       |  |          | Code            | v  | (A)    | (D)   | Date<br>Exerci | sable                       | Expiration<br>Date    | Title   | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Shares  | er                 |   |   |  |                                       |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$45.92 to \$46.31, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

## Remarks:

/s/ Kristen Williams, Attorney-

11/21/2018

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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