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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>®</sup> STACK DAVID M	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/28/2013	X         Officer (give title below)         Other (specify below)           President and CEO					
5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 100 (Street) PARSIPPANY NJ 07054 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					

### 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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/28/2013		М		15,000	A	\$1.61	17,573	D	
Common Stock	03/28/2013		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		15,000	D	\$28.66(2)	2,573	D	
Common Stock								18,596	I	See Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

# 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. Transact Code (In 8)		of Der Sec Acq (A) Dis of (	ivative urities uired or posed D) tr. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.61	03/28/2013		М			15,000	(4)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	240,695	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on January 24, 2013.

2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$28.41 to \$28.80, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc., any security holder of Pacira Pharmaceuticals, 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 ranges set forth in footnote (2) of this Form 4.

3. The shares are held by Stack Schroon Mohawk FLP. Mr. Stack is the general partner of Stack Schroon Mohawk FLP.

4. The option vested as to 25% of the option shares on September 2, 2011 and vests as to the remaining shares in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 36 months. The option shares became exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the Issuer's initial public offering.

<u>/s/ James Scibetta, by power of 04/01/2013</u> attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  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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