FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Pratt John			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) C/O PACIRA INC., 10450 S		(Middle) EUTICALS, ENTER DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give (specify below)) General Manager, San Diego				
(Street) SAN DIEGO (City)	AN DIEGO CA 92121		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)	Execution Date,	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)		4. Secur Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) d of	or (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	Transaction Number of Derivative		6. Date Ex and Expir Date (Month/Da	ation	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: 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)	\$ 8.73	01/03/2012		А		30,000		(1)	01/02/2022	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 0	30,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock option vests as follows: 25% of the shares shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and the remaining shares vest 1/36th per month at the end of each successive month over the next three years.

/s/ John Pratt 01/05/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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