## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Markvicka Taunia			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) C/O PACIRA F SYLVAN WAY		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/05/2012		ck all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Vice President, Co	10% Owner Other (specify below) ommercial		
(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)	Execution Date,	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (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	Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Underlying		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				
Common Stock	\$ 10.81	06/05/2012		А		150,000		(1)	06/04/2022	Common Stock	150,000	\$0	150,000	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% of the option shares on June 5, 2013 and as to the remaining shares in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 36 months.

/s/ James Scibetta, by power of attorney

06/07/2012

\*\* 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).

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