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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Williams Kristen Marie</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 (Street) PARSIPPANY NJ 07054 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CAO and General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/15/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/15/2017		M ⁽¹⁾		3,125	A	\$9.25	18,775	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2017		M ⁽¹⁾		5,937	A	\$10.52	24,712	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2017		M ⁽¹⁾		11,979	A	\$10.81	36,691	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		21,041	D	\$50.86 ⁽²⁾	15,650	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$9.25	05/15/2017		M		3,125	(3)	10/19/2021	Common Stock	3,125	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.52	05/15/2017		M		5,937	(3)	03/02/2022	Common Stock	5,937	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.81	05/15/2017		M		11,979	(3)	06/05/2022	Common Stock	11,979	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The option exercises and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$50.75 to \$51.00, 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 sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- The stock option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date, and as to the remaining option shares in successive equal monthly installments over the subsequent three years, provided that the reporting person remains in continuous service with the issuer as of each vesting date.

Remarks:

/s/ Kristen Williams

05/17/2017

** 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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