FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] 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) | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| SYLVAN WAY, | | (Middle) TICALS, INC., 5 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/05/2012 | X X | Director Officer (give title below) President and | 10% Owner Other (specify below) d CEO | | | |
| (Street) PARSIPPANY (City) | NJ 07054 (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) | Transaction Code | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 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) | | |

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| 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. 5. Transaction Code Deriva (Instr. 8) Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 4, and | | vative Date (Month/Day/Year) ired . 3, | | 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 | | | | |
| Common Stock | \$ 10.81 | 06/05/2012 | | A | | 350,000 | | (1) | 06/04/2022 | Common Stock | 350,000 | \$0 | 350,000 | 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 ** Signature of Reporting Person

06/07/2012

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).

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