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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	GARY V		* Middle)		Pac 3. Dat	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/03/2012									ationship of Reporting k all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)		g Person(s) to Is 10% Ov Other (s below)		wner
C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121					4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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		Tab	le I - No	on-Deriv	ative S	Sec	urities	Ac	quired, Di	ispo	osed o	of, or Be	eneficia	ally (Owne	d		,	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,				on tr.	and 5)					ies cially ing ed ction(s)	Form (D) o	n: Direct r ect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Insand 4)		of Der Sec	Price ivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp Date	iration e	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Common Stock	\$11.02	04/03/2012			A		10,000		(1)	04/0	02/2022	Common Stock	10,000		\$0	10,000		D	
Common Stock	\$11.02	04/03/2012			A		20,000		(2)	04/0	02/2022	Common Stock	20,000		\$0	30,000		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in twelve equal monthly installments, with the first installment being on May 3, 2012.
- 2. The option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% of the option shares on April 3, 2013 and as to the remaining shares in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 36 months.

 $\underline{/s/James\ Scibetta,\ by\ power\ of}\ \underline{04/05/2012}$ attorney

** 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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