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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 15, 2021

**PACIRA BIOSCIENCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-35060**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0619477**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**5 Sylvan Way, Suite 300  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054**  
(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

**(973) 254-3560**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	PCRX	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On September 15, 2021, Pacira BioSciences, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary unaudited revenue for the month ended August 31, 2021. The full text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release dated September 15, 2021.</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (Formatted as Inline XBRL)

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**NEWS RELEASE**

**Pacira BioSciences Reports Preliminary Net Product Sales of \$42.3 Million for August 2021**

-- Expanding EXPAREL utilization continues to drive growth with average daily sales at 109% of August 2020 --

-- More than nine million patients treated with EXPAREL as of August 2021 --

**PARSIPPANY, NJ, September 15, 2021** - Pacira BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: PCRX), the industry leader in its commitment to non-opioid pain management and regenerative health solutions, today reported preliminary unaudited net product sales. EXPAREL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) net product sales increased 15 percent to \$41.4 million for the month of August 2021, compared with \$36.1 million for the prior year. Net product sales of iovera<sup>o</sup> increased 13 percent to \$0.9 million for the month of August 2021, compared with \$0.8 million for the prior year. EXPAREL average daily sales for the month of August 2021 were 109 percent of August 2020. The company reports average daily growth rates for EXPAREL to account for differences in the number of selling days per reporting period. EXPAREL selling days were 22 in August 2021 and 21 in August 2020.

“We continue to solidify our leadership position in opioid-sparing pain management with EXPAREL now having treated more than nine million patients since launch with penetration increasing across all target market segments,” said Dave Stack, chairman and chief executive officer of Pacira BioSciences. “EXPAREL utilization continues to significantly outpace the recovery of the elective surgery market, which is facing additional pandemic-related challenges this summer with regional surges in delta variant cases, staffing shortages, and surgical fatigue from care teams addressing significant procedure backlogs. We expect these variables to subside and the fourth quarter to reflect improving market dynamics.”

“From a competitive standpoint, we have not experienced impact from new market entrants and EXPAREL remains extremely well positioned given its broad efficacy label that spans infiltration, field blocks and brachial plexus nerve block. In addition, a pristine safety profile and proven ability to reliably facilitate surgical migration to outpatient sites of care continue to be hallmarks of EXPAREL adoption across pediatric and adult settings. Looking ahead, we remain confident in our ability to achieve our five-year objectives and deliver topline annual growth in the high teens with operating margins that exceed 50 percent by the end of our planning period,” continued Mr. Stack.

The company’s net product sales were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 due to the significant postponement or suspension in the scheduling of elective surgical procedures resulting from public health guidance and government directives. Elective surgery restrictions began to lift on a state-by-state basis in April 2020, allowing EXPAREL sales to return to year-over-year growth in June 2020. However, while many restrictions have since eased and COVID-19 vaccines become more widely

available and administered to the general public, it is still unclear how long it will take the elective surgery market to normalize, or if restrictions on elective procedures will recur due to COVID-19 variant strains or otherwise.

To provide greater transparency, the company is reporting monthly intra-quarter unaudited net product sales until it has gained enough visibility around the impacts of COVID-19. The company is also providing weekly EXPAREL utilization and elective surgery data within its investor presentation, which is accessible at [investor.pacira.com](http://investor.pacira.com). The financial information included in this press release is preliminary, unaudited, and subject to adjustment. It does not present all information necessary for an understanding of the company's financial results for the third quarter or full year 2021.

### **About Pacira BioSciences**

Pacira BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: PCRX) is the industry leader in its commitment to non-opioid pain management and regenerative health solutions to improve patients' journeys along the neural pain pathway. The company's long-acting local analgesic, EXPAREL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) was commercially launched in the United States in April 2012. EXPAREL utilizes DepoFoam®, a unique and proprietary product delivery technology that encapsulates drugs without altering their molecular structure, and releases them over a desired period of time. In April 2019, Pacira acquired the iovera° system, a handheld cryoanalgesia device used to deliver precise, controlled doses of cold temperature only to targeted nerves. To learn more about Pacira, including the corporate mission to reduce overreliance on opioids, visit [www.pacira.com](http://www.pacira.com).

### **About EXPAREL®**

EXPAREL (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) is indicated in patients 6 years of age and older for single-dose infiltration to produce postsurgical local analgesia, and in adults as an interscalene brachial plexus nerve block to produce postsurgical regional analgesia. Safety and efficacy have not been established in other nerve blocks. The product combines bupivacaine with DepoFoam®, a proven product delivery technology that delivers medication over a desired time period. EXPAREL represents the first and only multivesicular liposome local anesthetic that can be utilized in the peri- or postsurgical setting. By utilizing the DepoFoam platform, a single dose of EXPAREL delivers bupivacaine over time, providing significant reductions in cumulative pain scores with up to a 78 percent decrease in opioid consumption; the clinical benefit of the opioid reduction was not demonstrated. Additional information is available at [www.EXPAREL.com](http://www.EXPAREL.com).

### **Important Safety Information for Patients**

EXPAREL should not be used in obstetrical paracervical block anesthesia. In studies in adults where EXPAREL was injected into a wound, the most common side effects were nausea, constipation, and vomiting. In studies in adults where EXPAREL was injected near a nerve, the most common side effects were nausea, fever, and constipation. In the study where EXPAREL was given to children, the most common side effects were nausea, vomiting, constipation, low blood pressure, low number of red blood cells, muscle twitching, blurred vision, itching, and rapid heartbeat. EXPAREL can cause a temporary loss of feeling and/or loss of muscle movement. How much and how long the loss of feeling and/or muscle movement depends on where and how much of EXPAREL was injected and may last for up to 5

days. EXPAREL is not recommended to be used in patients younger than 6 years old for injection into the wound, for patients younger than 18 years old for injection near a nerve, and/or in pregnant women. Tell your health care provider if you or your child has liver disease, since this may affect how the active ingredient (bupivacaine) in EXPAREL is eliminated from the body. EXPAREL should not be injected into the spine, joints, or veins. The active ingredient in EXPAREL can affect the nervous system and the cardiovascular system; may cause an allergic reaction; may cause damage if injected into the joints; and can cause a rare blood disorder.

### **About iovera<sup>o</sup>®**

The iovera<sup>o</sup> system is used to destroy tissue during surgical procedures by applying freezing cold. It can also be used to produce lesions in peripheral nervous tissue by the application of cold to the selected site for the blocking of pain. It is also indicated for the relief of pain and symptoms associated with osteoarthritis of the knee for up to 90 days. In one study, the majority of the patients suffering from osteoarthritis of the knee experienced pain and system relief beyond 150 days.<sup>1</sup> The iovera<sup>o</sup> system's "1×90" Smart Tip configuration (indicating one needle which is 90 mm long) can also facilitate target nerve location by conducting electrical nerve stimulation from a separate nerve stimulator. The iovera<sup>o</sup> system is not indicated for treatment of central nervous system tissue.

### **Important Safety Information**

The iovera<sup>o</sup> system is contraindicated for use in patients with the following: Cryoglobulinemia; Paroxysmal cold hemoglobinuria; cold urticaria; Raynaud's disease; open and/or infected wounds at or near the treatment line. Potential complications: As with any surgical treatment that uses needle-based therapy, there is potential for temporary site-specific reactions, including but not limited to: bruising (ecchymosis); swelling (edema); inflammation and/or redness (erythema); pain and/or tenderness; altered sensation (localized dysesthesia). Typically, these reactions resolve with no physician intervention. Patients may help the healing process by applying ice packs to the affected sites, and by taking over-the-counter analgesics.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

*Any statements in this press release about the company's future expectations, plans, trends, outlook, projections and prospects, and other statements containing the words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "will," "would," "could," "can" and similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including risks relating to: the impact of the worldwide COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and related global economic conditions on our business and results of operations; the success of the company's sales and manufacturing efforts in support of the commercialization of EXPAREL and iovera<sup>o</sup>; the rate and degree of market acceptance of EXPAREL and iovera<sup>o</sup>; the size and growth of the potential markets for EXPAREL and iovera<sup>o</sup> and the company's ability to serve those markets; the company's plans to expand the use of EXPAREL and iovera<sup>o</sup> to additional indications and opportunities, and the timing and success of any related clinical*

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<sup>1</sup> Radnovich, R. et al. "Cryoneurolysis to treat the pain and symptoms of knee osteoarthritis: a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, sham-controlled trial." *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage* (2017) p1-10.

*trials for EXPAREL and iovera°; the ability to successfully integrate any future acquisitions into the company's existing business and the recoverability of our deferred tax assets and other factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" of the company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other filings that the company periodically makes with the SEC. In addition, the forward-looking statements included in this press release represent the company's views as of the date of this press release. Important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated or implied by forward-looking statements, and as such the company anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. However, while the company may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing the company's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.*

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