Williams Kristen Marie Form 4 November 20, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 5
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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Williams Kristen Marie Issuer Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title C/O PACIRA 11/16/2017 below) PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 5 CAO and General Counsel SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Form: Direction Owned (D) or	Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Et Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/16/2017		M(1)	2,143	A	\$ 25.37	23,455	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2017		S(1)	2,143	D	\$ 40.01	21,312	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2017		M(1)	7,857	A	\$ 25.37	29,169	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2017		S(1)	7,857	D	\$ 40	21,312	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.37	11/16/2017		M	2	2,143	(2)	03/05/2023	Common Stock	2,143	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.37	11/17/2017		M	7	7,857	(2)	03/05/2023	Common Stock	7,857	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Williams Kristen Marie C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

CAO and General Counsel

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Kristen
Williams

**Signature of Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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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- (1) 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 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 (2) 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.

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