

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Williams Kristen Marie

(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
 Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 CAO and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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
Common Stock	05/15/2017		M ⁽¹⁾		5,937	A	\$ 10.52
Common Stock	05/15/2017		M ⁽¹⁾		11,979	A	\$ 10.81
Common Stock	05/15/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		21,041	D	\$ 50.86
							<u>(2)</u>

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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.25	05/15/2017		M	3,125	<u>(3)</u> 10/19/2021	Common Stock	3,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.52	05/15/2017		M	5,937	<u>(3)</u> 03/02/2022	Common Stock	5,937
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.81	05/15/2017		M	11,979	<u>(3)</u> 06/05/2022	Common Stock	11,979

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

/s/ Kristen Williams 05/17/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person 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).

(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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

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