

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

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**51-0619477**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**5 Sylvan Way, Suite 300  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2011 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**  
(Full title of the plan)

**David Stack  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman  
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
5 Sylvan Way, Suite 300  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054  
(973) 254-3560**

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**Copy to:**

**Jason Day**

Perkins Coie LLP  
1900 Sixteenth Street, Suite 1400  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
(303) 291-2300

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	4,000,000	\$ 41.26	\$ 165,040,000	\$ 16,619.53

(1) Includes an indeterminate number of additional shares which may be necessary to adjust the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the plan as the result of any future stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of the registrant's outstanding common stock.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The proposed maximum offering price per share is estimated based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the registrant's common stock on June 15, 2016, as reported for such date by the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) by the Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Registrant”) are hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- The Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed on February 25, 2016, which contains audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year for which such statements have been filed;
- The Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, filed on May 2, 2016, which contains unaudited interim financial statements;
- The Registrant’s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 8, 2016, February 26, 2016, April 19, 2016, and June 17, 2016; and
- The description of the Registrant’s Common Stock as set forth in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on January 28, 2011 (File No. 001-35060), including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) (excluding any portions of these documents that are furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of a Current Report on Form 8-K and any exhibits included with such Items) after the date hereof, and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that the securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters the securities covered hereby then remaining unsold, shall also be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof commencing on the respective dates on which such documents are filed.

Any statement contained in this Registration Statement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement will be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

None.

#### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (“DGCL”) provides, generally, that a corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (except actions by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against all expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. A corporation may similarly indemnify such person for expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of any action or suit by or in the right of the corporation, *provided* that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, in the case of claims, issues and matters as to which such person shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation, *provided* that a court shall have determined, upon application, that, despite the adjudication of

liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides, generally, that our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, *provided* that such provision may not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. No such provision may eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date when such provision became effective.

In addition to the indemnification provided for in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, we entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Each indemnification agreement provides that we will indemnify the director or executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by law for claims arising in his or her capacity as our director, officer, employee or agent, provided that he or she acted in good faith and in a manner that he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, our best interests and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. In the event that we do not assume the defense of a claim against a director or executive officer, we are required to advance his or her expenses in connection with his or her defense, provided that he or she undertakes to repay all amounts advanced if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by us.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 11, 2011).
5.1	Opinion of Perkins Coie LLP.
10.1	Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Amended and Restated 2011 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 17, 2016).
23.1	Consent of CohnReznick LLP.
23.2	Consent of Perkins Coie LLP (included in opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (see signature page).

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

A. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; and
  - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

*provided, however,* that paragraphs A(1)(i) and A(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or

furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
  - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- B. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Parsippany, State of New Jersey, on the 17th day of June, 2016.

### PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

/s/ David Stack

**David Stack**  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose individual signature appears below hereby authorizes David Stack and Charles A. Reinhart III, or either of them, as attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to execute in the name and on the behalf of each person, individually and in each capacity stated below, and to file, any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, including any and all post-effective amendments.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated below on the 17th day of June, 2016.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ David Stack</u> <b>David Stack</b>	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Charles A. Reinhart III</u> <b>Charles A. Reinhart III</b>	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
<u>/s/ Lauren Riker</u> <b>Lauren Riker</b>	Vice President, Finance (Principal Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Laura Brege</u> <b>Laura Brege</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Yvonne Greenstreet</u> <b>Yvonne Greenstreet</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Paul Hastings</u> <b>Paul Hastings</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Mark A. Kronenfeld</u> <b>Mark A. Kronenfeld</b>	Director
<u>/s/ John Longenecker</u> <b>John Longenecker</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Gary Pace</u> <b>Gary Pace</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Andreas Wicki</u> <b>Andreas Wicki</b>	Director
<u>Dennis L. Winger</u> <b>Dennis L. Winger</b>	Director

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June 17, 2016

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**Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the preparation of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), which you are filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to an additional 4,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Shares") which may be issued pursuant to the Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Amended and Restated 2011 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

We have examined the Registration Statement and such documents and records of the Company as we have deemed necessary for the purpose of this opinion. In giving this opinion, we are assuming the authenticity of all instruments presented to us as originals, the conformity with originals of all instruments presented to us as copies and the genuineness of all signatures.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that any Shares issued by the Company pursuant to the Plan, upon the registration by its registrar of the Shares and the issuance thereof by the Company in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and the receipt of consideration for the Shares in accordance with the terms of the Plan, will be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ PERKINS COIE LLP

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**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated February 25, 2016, on our audits of the consolidated financial statements of Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015 and our report on our audit of the internal control over financial reporting of Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015, dated February 25, 2016, included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2015.

/s/ CohnReznick LLP  
Roseland, New Jersey  
June 17, 2016

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