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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Sanderling Venture Partners VI LP <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SANDERLING VENTURES, 400 SOUTH EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 1200 <hr/> (Street) SAN MATEO CA 94402 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2011	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	125,800	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	55,788	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock	1,995	D ⁽³⁾	
Common Stock	2,377	D ⁽⁴⁾	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares ^M			
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	736,583	\$ (5)	D (1)	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	14,877	\$ (5)	D (2)	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	24,871	\$ (5)	D (3)	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	29,634	\$ (5)	D (4)	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	681,715	\$ (5)	D (6)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	01/22/2009	01/21/2014	Common Stock	17,973	\$ 2.69	D (1)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	01/22/2009	01/21/2014	Common Stock	629	\$ 2.69	D (3)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	01/22/2009	01/21/2014	Common Stock	749	\$ 2.69	D (4)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	01/22/2009	01/21/2014	Common Stock	17,839	\$ 2.69	D (6)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	12/29/2010	12/29/2017	Common Stock	20,220	\$ 13.44	D (1)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	12/29/2010	12/29/2017	Common Stock	708	\$ 13.44	D (3)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	12/29/2010	12/29/2017	Common Stock	843	\$ 13.44	D (4)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	12/29/2010	12/29/2017	Common Stock	20,069	\$ 13.44	D (6)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	344,355	\$ (7)	D (1)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	12,058	\$ (7)	D (3)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	14,366	\$ (7)	D (4)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	341,788	\$ (7)	D (6)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	129,445	\$ (8)	D (1)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	5,400	\$ (8)	D (3)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	128,479	\$ (8)	D (6)	
Convertible Promissory Notes	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	4,533	\$ (8)	D (4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- The securities are held by Sanderling Venture Partners VI, L.P.
- The securities are held by Sanderling Ventures Management VI.
- The securities are held by Sanderling VI Beteiligungs GmbH & Co. KG.
- The securities are held by Sanderling VI Limited Partnership.
- The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has no expiration date and each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will automatically convert into one share of Common Stock upon the consummation of the Issuer's initial public offering.
- The securities are held by Sanderling Venture Partners VI Co-Investment Fund.
- All principal and accrued interest on the Convertible Promissory Notes will automatically convert into shares of Common Stock upon the consummation of the Issuer's initial public offering.

8. All principal on the Convertible Promissory Notes will automatically convert into shares of Common Stock upon the consummation of the Issuer's initial public offering at a conversion price equal to the per share price of the Common Stock sold in the Issuer's initial public offering.

See Ex . 99.1

02/02/2011

** 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 5(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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Managing Director

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By: /s/ Fred A. Middleton

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SANDERLING VENTURES MANAGEMENT VI

By: /s/ Fred A. Middleton

Fred A. Middleton
Owner

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