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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Scibetta James S</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 <hr/> (Street) PARSIPPANY NJ 07054 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">President</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/17/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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	01/17/2017		M ⁽¹⁾		2,373	A	\$1.61	29,457	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2017		M ⁽¹⁾		17,627	A	\$5.49	47,084	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		15,003	D	\$38.39 ⁽²⁾	32,081	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		4,997	D	\$38.97 ⁽³⁾	27,084	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.61	01/17/2017		M		2,373	(4)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	2,373	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$5.49	01/17/2017		M		17,627	(5)	12/29/2020	Common Stock	17,627	\$0.00	35,251	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.80 to \$38.75, 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 footnotes 2 and 3.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.80 to \$39.05, inclusive.
- The option vested as to 50% of the options on September 2, 2010 and vests as to the remaining options in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 24 months. The options become exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the issuer's initial public offering.
- The option vests as to 25% of the option shares on December 29, 2011 and as to the remaining shares in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 36 months. The option shares become exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the Issuer's initial public offering.

Remarks:

/s/ James Scibetta 01/19/2017
 ** 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 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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