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### FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX] A Riker Lauren Bullaro (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O PACIRA (Check all applicable) PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., Â 5 SYLVAN WAY, 10% Owner Director **SUITE 100** \_X\_\_ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Executive Director, Accounting Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person PARSIPPANY, ÂNJÂ 07054 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 2,000 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Securities Underlying Derivative Security

Conversion Ownership or Exercise
Form of (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/10/2021	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 10.34	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Riker Lauren Bullaro C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 100 PARSIPPANY Â NIÂ 07054	Â	Â	Executive Director, Accounting	Â	

### **Signatures**

/s/ Lauren Riker 03/29/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) The stock option vests as follows: 25% of the shares shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date of May 2, 2011; 1/36th of the shares shall vest over the three year period thereafter.

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