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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 Person *

C/O PACIRA

CENTER DRIVE

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

PACE GARY W

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/02/2011

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

(Street)

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.. 10450 SCIENCE

SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership

Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	7,438	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	4,649	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	4,649	\$ 1.61	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe	
PACE GARY W C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Gary Pace 02/02/2011

**Signature of Pace Date Reporting Person

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).
- The option vests as to 50% of the option shares on September 2, 2010 and, as to the remaining 50% of the option shares, in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 24 months. The option shares 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 September 2, 2011 and as to the remaining shares in successive equal monthly (2) installments for the subsequent 36 months. The option shares become exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the Issuer's initial public offering.
- The option vests as to 50% of the option shares upon the first anniversary of the Issuer's initial public offering and as to the remaining (3) 50% of the option shares upon the second anniversary of the Issuer's initial public offering. The option shares become exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the Issuer's initial public offering.

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