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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]

Symbol

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

STACK DAVID M

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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|--|------------------------------------|---------------|---|--|--|------------------------|------------|--|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2017 | | | | | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO and Chairman | | |
| | | | | mendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secur | ities Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Benefici | ally Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | ar) Execution | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4 | sposed | of (D) | 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) |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2017 | | | M | 15,000 | A | \$ 1.61 | 130,279 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 18,596 | I | By Stack Schroon Mohawk FLP (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,208 | I | By LCK Investment LLC (2) |

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.61 | 07/24/2017 | | M | 15,000 | (3) | 09/02/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|--|--|
| . 9 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| STACK DAVID M C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 | X | | CEO and Chairman | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Kristen Williams,
Attorney-in-Fact
07/26/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Includes 220 shares of common stock acquired under the issuer's employee stock purchase plan in June 2017.
- (2) Mr. Stack is the general partner of Stack Schroon Mohawk FLP. Mr. Stack and his wife are the owners of LCK Investment LLC.
- (3) The option vested as to 50% of the option shares on February 2, 2011, 19,378 option shares vested on February 3, 2011, and the remaining option shares vested in successive monthly installments for the subsequent 19 months.

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