

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â LONGENECKER JOHN P                  PHD</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O PACIRA                  PHARMACEUTICALS,                  INC.,Â 10450 SCIENCE                  CENTER DRIVE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92121</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/02/2011</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

<p>1. Title of Security                  (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned                  (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form:                  Direct (D)                  or Indirect (I)                  (Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                  (Instr. 5)</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security                  (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date                  (Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security                  (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                  (Instr. 5)</p>
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	7,438	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	4,649	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	4,649	\$ 1.61	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LONGENECKER JOHN P PHD C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ John Longenecker  
Date: 02/02/2011

\*\*Signature of 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).
  - (1) The option vests as to 75% of the option shares on September 2, 2010 and, as to the remaining 25% of the option shares, in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 12 months. The option shares become exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the Issuer's initial public offering.
  - (2) The option vests as to 25% of the option shares on September 2, 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.
  - (3) 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 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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