PACE GARY W Form 4 April 05, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PACE GARY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

04/03/2012

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS. INC., 10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(Middle)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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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 onDerivative 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
Common Stock	\$ 11.02	04/03/2012		A	10,000	<u>(1)</u>	04/02/2022	Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock	\$ 11.02	04/03/2012		A	20,000	(2)	04/02/2022	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PACE GARY W C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121



Signatures

/s/ James Scibetta, by power of attorney

04/05/2012

**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) The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in twelve equal monthly installments, with the first installment being on May 3, 2012.
- (2) The option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% of the option shares on April 3, 2013 and as to the remaining shares in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 36 months.

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