

Scranton Richard
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Scranton Richard

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PACIRA
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 5
SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300

(Street)

PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

06/13/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Scientific Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 06/13/2018 | | A | (1) | 7,875 \$ 0 | 20,101 | D |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.35 | 06/13/2018 | | A | 47,250 | (2) 06/13/2028 | Common Stock | 47,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Scranton Richard C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 | | | Chief Scientific Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Kristen Williams,
Attorney-in-Fact

06/15/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 3, 2019, provided that the reporting person

(1) remains in continuous service with the issuer as of each vesting date. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.

The stock option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date, and vests as to

(2) the remaining shares in successive equal quarterly installments over the subsequent three years, provided that the reporting person remains in continuous service with the issuer as of each vesting date.

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