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Person <u>*</u> Sta		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]					
(Last) (I	First)	(Middle)	02/02/2011	4. Relationshi Person(s) to Is	p of Reporting		Amendment, D (Month/Day/Yea	e
C/O PACIRA							· ·	
PHARMACEU				(Check	all applicable))		
INC., 10450 S		Ξ		Director	10%	Owner		
CENTER DRIV	/E			X_ Officer	Other	r		
(S SAN DIEGO,Â	Street)				 w) (specify belonities) nicnical Operation 	tions Filin _X_1 Perso F	dividual or Join g(Check Applica Form filed by One n form filed by Mon rting Person	ble Line) e Reporting
(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Benefic	ially Owned	1
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount o Beneficially		3. Ownership	4. Nature of Ownership	Indirect Benef	ïcial

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)

Form:

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

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(Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			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	37,192	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	13,947	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	12/29/2020	Common Stock	18,348	\$ 5.49	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Walters Mark C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CAÂ		Â	Â	SVP, Technicnical Operations	Â		
Signatures							
/s/ Mark Walters	02/02/2011						
**Signature of	Date						

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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
 (1) 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.

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

(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 25% of the option shares on December 29, 2011 and as to the remaining shares in successive equal monthly(3) installments for the subsequent 36 months. The option shares become exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the Issuer's initial public offering.

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