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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

PATOU GARY

(Last)

(First)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/02/2011

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]

C/O MPM ASSET

MANAGEMENT, 601

GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 350

(Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Chief Medical Officer

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Â CAÂ 94080

(City)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Security

(State)

(Zip)

(Middle)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: (Instr. 5)

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

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

Exercisable

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. 5. Conversion or Exercise

Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration

Date

Title

Amount or Number of

Security: Derivative Security Direct (D)

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	59,042	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	59,042	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	12/29/2020	Common Stock	42,368	\$ 5.49	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
PATOU GARY					
C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT	â	â	Chief Medical Officer	â	
601 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 350	A	A	A Ciliei Medical Officei	A	
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080					

Signatures

/s/ Gary Patou	02/01/2011		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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 50% of the option shares on September 2, 2010 and the remaining 50% of the option shares vests equally monthly over the next 24 months. The option shares become exercisable when vested.
- (2) 25% of the option shares vest on September 2, 2011 and the remaining 75% of the option shares shall vest monthly over the next 36 months. The option shares become exercisable when vested.
- (3) 25% of the option shares vest on December 29, 2011 and the remaining 75% of the option shares shall vest monthly over the next 36 months. The option shares become exercisable when vested.

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