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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX] Scibetta James S (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O PACIRA (Check all applicable) PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.. 10450 SCIENCE 10% Owner Director CENTER DRIVE _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Chief Financial Officer Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 4. 6. Nature of Indirect 5. Securities Underlying Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Conversion (Month/Day/Year) or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative Security (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	74,384	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	72,989	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	12/29/2020	Common Stock	52,877	\$ 5.49	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Scibetta James S C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	Â	Â	Chief Financial Officer	Â		

Signatures

/s/ James
Scibetta

**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).
- The option vests as to 50% of the option shares on September 2, 2010 and, as to the remaining 50% of the option shares, in successive equal monthly installments for the subsequent 24 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 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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