Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

 LONGENECKER JOHN P

PHD

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2011

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

10% Owner

C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS. INC., Â 10450 SCIENCE

CENTER DRIVE

(Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

_X__ Director

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

Person

(Instr. 5)

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise

Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	7,438	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	4,649	\$ 1.61	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	09/02/2020	Common Stock	4,649	\$ 1.61	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
LONGENECKER JOHN P PHD					
C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	î v	Â	â	â	
10450 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE	АЛ	А	А	A	
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121					

Signatures

/s/ John
Longenecker

**Signature of Reporting Person

O2/02/2011

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 75% of the option shares on September 2, 2010 and, as to the remaining 25% of the option shares, in successive 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 public offering.
- The option vests as to 50% of the option shares upon the first anniversary of the Issuer's initial public offering and as to the remaining (3) 50% of the option shares upon the second anniversary of the Issuer's initial public offering. The option shares become exercisable, to the extent vested, from and after the Issuer's initial public offering.

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