

Riker Lauren Bullaro  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Riker Lauren Bullaro (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [PCRX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Director, Accounting	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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C/O PACIRA  
 PHARMACEUTICALS,  
 INC., Â 5 SYLVAN WAY,  
 SUITE 100  
 (Street)  
  
 PARSIPPANY, Â NJ Â 07054  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,000	D	Â

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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	05/10/2021	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 10.34	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Riker Lauren Bullaro C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 100 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054	Â	Â	Â Executive Director, Accounting	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Lauren Riker 03/29/2012

\*\*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 stock option vests as follows: 25% of the shares shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date of May 2, 2011; 1/36th of the shares shall vest over the three year period thereafter.

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