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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

Scranton Ri	ichard	Symbol	Symbol				Issuer			
		Pacira P	harmaceu	ticals, In	c. [P	CRX]	(Cho	eck all applicable	e)	
(Last)	(First)	Middle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction							
		(Month/D	ay/Year)				Director		6 Owner	
C/O PACIR	RA	06/13/20)18				_X_ Officer (gi		er (specify	
PHARMAC	CEUTICALS, IN	C., 5					below)	below) f Scientific Offic	200	
	WAY, SUITE 300						Cine	i Scientific Offic	.C1	
	4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
File			Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
PARSIPPA	NY, NJ 07054						Form filed by Person	More than One Ro	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Dat	e 2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5)			Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common	06/13/2018		A	7,875	A	\$0	20,101	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

(1)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 1 9 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.35	06/13/2018		A	47,250	(2)	06/13/2028	Common Stock	47,250	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Scranton Richard C/O PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 5 SYLVAN WAY, SUITE 300 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054			Chief Scientific Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Kristen Williams,
Attorney-in-Fact
06/15/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- Represents restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 3, 2019, provided that the reporting person (1) remains in continuous service with the issuer as of each vesting date. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.
- The stock option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date, and vests as to (2) the remaining shares in successive equal quarterly installments over the subsequent three years, provided that the reporting person remains in continuous service with the issuer as of each vesting date.

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