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## FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

			or Se	ction 30(h) of the Ir	ivestment Cor	npany Act of 1940				
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [ PIRS			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Yoder Step	nen S.		1				X	Director	10% 0	Dwner
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					x	Officer (give title below)	Other below	(specify )
C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2018			Chief Executive Officer			
255 STATE S	TREET, 9TH F	LOOR								
(Street)			4. If An	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans				2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)	) or 5. Amount of		6. Ownership	7. Nature of

### Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Securities Execution Date, Transaction Form: Direct Indirect Date if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Beneficial 8) Owned Following Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (A) or (D) v Price Code Amount

### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative Security 8. Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature 2 Ownership Form: Execution Date, if any Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Conversion of Securities Underlying Derivative Expiration Date derivative of Indirect Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Beneficial or Exercise Securities Securities Price of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect Security of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Following (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) or Number Expiration Date Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title of Shares Stock Option Common \$8.56 02/20/2018 А 325,000 (1) 02/20/2028 325,000 \$0.00 325,000 D (Right to Stock buy)

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests as to 25% of the option shares on January 1, 2019 and vests as to an additional 6.25% of the option shares at the end of each successive three-month period thereafter.

### /s/ Marc D. Mantell, Attorney-

02/26/2018

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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