#### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Richman Michael</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. PIRS ]										k all appli Directo	or		10% Ow	ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 255 STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/25/2018									below)			Other (s below)			
(Street) BOSTON			02109 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								b. Indi Line) X	Form f	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
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	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercising Price of Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/	ate, Tra	Transaction Code (Instr.		n of E		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of		of s ng e Securi	D S (I	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.92	07/25/2018		А			2,837		07/25/2018	07	7/25/2028	Common Stock	2,83	7	\$3.86 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,837		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The stock option was issued to the Reporting Person, who elected to take stock options in lieu of \$10,937.50 in cash compensation for services as a director and committee member, pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation policy.

### Remarks:

/s/ Marc D. Mantell, Attorneyin-fact

07/26/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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