

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Khuong Chau Quang		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [PIRS]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2017		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 255 STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) BOSTON, MA 02109			(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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. 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)						Date Exercisable
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 2.01	01/25/2017		A		10,313 (2)	01/25/2017	01/25/2027	Common Stock	10,313	\$ 0	10,313	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.01	01/25/2017		A		20,000 (3)		01/25/2027	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 0	20,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Khuong Chau Quang C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 255 STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02109	X	X		

Signatures

/s/ Marc D. Mantell, Attorney-in-fact	01/30/2017
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).

(1) The Reporting Person is an employee of OrbiMed Advisors LLC ("Advisors") and is obligated to transfer any shares issued under equity grants made to him by the Issuer, or the economic benefits thereof, to Advisors for the ultimate benefit of OrbiMed Private Investments III, LP and OrbiMed Associates III, LP.

(2) The option award was issued to the Reporting Person, who elected to take shares in lieu of cash compensation for services as a director and committee member, pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation plan.

(3) The stock option will vest in four equal installments on each of March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, 2017.

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