

LARSON CHRISTINE R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**LARSON CHRISTINE R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O PDL BIOPHARMA, INC., 932  
 SOUTHWOOD BOULEVARD**

(Street)

**INCLINE VILLAGE, NV 89451**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. [PDLI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/23/2011**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Vice President and CFO**

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/23/2011		A		18,300 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 62,049 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)**

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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. 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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Amount or Number of Shares
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
LARSON CHRISTINE R C/O PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. 932 SOUTHWOOD BOULEVARD INCLINE VILLAGE, NV 89451			Vice President and CFO		

## Signatures

/s/ Danny J Hart, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Christine R. Larson  
 05/25/2011

\*\*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).

The shares will vest on December 31, 2012, provided Ms. Larson is continuously employed by the Company through such date. In the event Ms. Larson is terminated by PDL without cause or resigns for good reason, the shares shall ratably accelerate and vest in proportion to the time lapsed during the vesting period. During the vesting period, Ms. Larson has the right to vote the shares and will receive any dividends and other shareholder distributions paid by PDL. Such dividends and other distributions shall accumulate with interest and will vest and pay if and when the underlying shares vest.

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