# FORM 3

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE **COMMISSION**

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### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *-	Staten		~	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [PIRS]						
ADAMS JULIAN  (Last) (First) (Middle C/O PIERIS  PHARMACEUTICALS,  INC., 255 STATE STREET 91  FLOOR	07/25	5/2016	Person(s) to I (Check _X_ Director	Officer (give Other (specify				5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
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Reporting Owners										

### Kepor ung Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Marc D. Mantell, Attorney-in-fact	07/26/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

#### Remarks:

24.1 - Power of Attorney

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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of, Steven S. Yoder and Darlene Deptula-Hicks of Pieris Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Anne Leland, Jacquelyn Cannata, Marc Mantell and Caroline Gammill of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., signing singly, with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, forms and authentication documents for EDGAR Filing Access;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such forms and authentication documents;
- (3) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder:
- (4) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (5) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact, on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney, shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed this 13th day of July, 2016.

/s/ Julian Adams

Name: Julian Adams, Ph.D.