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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)							
1. Name and Address of Reporting	2. Date of Event Requiring	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					
Person <sup>*</sup>	Statement	PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [PIRS]					
Richman Michael	(Month/Day/Year)						
(Last) (First) (Middle)	06/29/2015	4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Orig					
C/O PIERIS		Person(s) to I	ssuer	-	Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
PHARMACEUTICALS,			all applicable)				
INC., LISE-MEITNER-STRASSE		X_Director10% Owner Officer (give Other (specify					
30		title below)	below)	speeny			
(Street)					6. Individual or Joint/Group		
					Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
FREISING-					_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
WEIHENSTEPHAN, 2M 85354					Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security	2. Amount of	Securities	3.	4. Nat	ure of Indirect Beneficial		
(Instr. 4)	Beneficially	Owned	Ownership	Owner	•		
	(Instr. 4)		Form: Direct	(Instr.	5)		
			(D) or				
			Indirect (I)				
			(Instr. 5)				

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

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Year)	isable and ite		50	4. Conversion or Exercise		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security Direct or Ind (I)	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	<u>(1)</u>	12/17/2024	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 2	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	04/30/2015	04/30/2025	Common Stock	4,958	\$ 3	D	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address		10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Richman Michael C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. LISE-MEITNER-STRASSE 30 FREISING-WEIHENSTEPHAN, 2M 85354	Х					

# Signatures

----Signature of Reporting Person

06/29/2015 Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) The stock option vests in equal quarterly installments over a thirty-six month period, beginning on March 31, 2015.

## **Remarks:**

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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#### Exhibit 24.1

### 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 12th day of June, 2015.

/s/ Michael Richman -----Michael Richman