FORM 4

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

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

Name and Address of Reporting Person      KIRITSY CHRISTOPHER P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [ PIRS ]	(Check	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		` '	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/21/2023	A	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 225 FRANKLIN STREET, 26TH FLOOR (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	ay/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting F				
BOSTON	MA	02110	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication					
(City) (State) (Zip)		(Zip)	Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contra affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.	tion or written plan that is intended	to satisfy the			

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	I	3. Transac Code (Ir 8)	tion		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(instr. 4)

# 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. Transac Code (In 8)		Derivative				7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative	Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.26	06/21/2023		A		40,000		(1)	06/21/2033	Common Stock	40,000	\$0	40,000	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock option will vest as to 100% of the underlying shares on the date of the Company's 2024 annual stockholders meeting, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through the vesting date.

/s/ Ahmed Mousa, Attorney-in-06/23/2023

Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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