FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
GORMAN KEVIN CHARLES						NBIX 1								X Direc		ctor	100	6 Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC.						MDIA 1									Offic belov	er (give title w)		er (specify ow)
						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2009								President & CEO				
12780 EL CAMINO REAL																		
(Street)	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)								
SAN DIEGO CA 92130														X	X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
															Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)															
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities A Disposed Of (I			s Acquired (A) or f (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		nd 5) Secu Bene Owne		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
					Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			rted action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)				
Common Stock 01/13/20)09			S ⁽¹⁾		9,195	9,195 D \$3.3		^{'29⁽²⁾}	82,802		D ⁽³⁾	
	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)	erivative Conversion Date Executi ecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		emed 4. On Date, Transa Code (Day/Year) 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4)				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)			
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Sale of 9,195 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 21,000 restricted stock units on January 11, 2009 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (11,805) maintained by the Reporting Person; the sale was effected by a broker pursuant to instructions set forth in a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person and delivered to the broker on March 22, 2007.
- 2. Represents a weighted average sales price per share. The prices actually received ranged from \$3.29 to \$3.49. The Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer or the staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- 3. 68,140 non-derivative securities are held directly by Reporting Person; 14,662 non-derivative securities are held indirectly by the KCG Limited Liability Company.

Remarks:

<u>Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By</u> <u>Power of Attorney</u>

01/15/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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