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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>POPS RICHARD F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>12780 EL CAMINO REAL</u> (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92130</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC [NBIX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/01/2018</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2018		M		15,000	A	\$7.05 ⁽¹⁾	44,512	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2018		F		1,253	D	\$84.39 ⁽¹⁾	43,259	D	

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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$7.05	05/01/2018		M		15,000		06/25/2011	05/25/2018	Common Stock	15,000	\$7.05	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The share issuance reported on Table I reflects shares issued upon the exercise of options granted on May 25, 2011, which, if unexercised would have expired on May 25, 2018. The option exercises are reported on Table II. These option exercises were pursuant to a net issuance arrangement effected under the Issuer's 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. The number of shares issued pursuant to the net issuance arrangement was calculated as follows: the option exercise price (\$7.05) was subtracted from the May 01, 2018 market close price (\$84.39), and this net amount (\$77.34) was then multiplied by the number of options (15,000), with the resulting amount then divided by the market close price to result in a net issuance of 13,747 shares to the optionee. The 1,253 shares underlying the remaining portion of the options are not available for re-issuance, and no shares were sold into the market as a part of the exercise in connection with a net issuance program.

Remarks:

/s/ Darin Lippoldt, Attorney-in-Fact 05/03/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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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