FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MOLLICA JOSEPH A							2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC   NBIX									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Iss (Check all applicable)				
MOLLICA JOSEPH A						1									Directo	or		10% Ov	/ner	
(Last)	ast) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2003									Officer below)	ficer (give title low)		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(City) (State) (Zip)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person						
		Tak	le I - Noi	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired, D	ispo	osed o	f, or Bei	neficia	lly	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date			, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ies Acquire Of (D) (Ins				es For ally (D) following (I) (I		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	'   '	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transacti		tion(s)				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp Dat	xpiration ate	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares							
Statutory Stock	48.51	05/22/2003			A		15,000		06/22/2003	05/2	/22/2013	Common Stock	15,000		\$48.51	65,00	0	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents option of which 1/36th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable on June 22, 2003 an additional 1/36th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen 05/27/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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