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*  VALE WYLIE W							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC NBIX ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) THE SALK INSTITUTE 10010 N.TORREY PINES ROAD							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2003									Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
(Street) LA JOLLA CA 92037					_ 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting												on		
(City)	ity) (State) (Zip)														Pers	on				
		Tak	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	/ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	uired,	Dis	posed of	f, or B	enef	icially	Own	ed				
Date				Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					) or 4 and	Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or P	rice	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(11150.4)		
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003				S		200	1	) [	55.31	3	05,133	D			
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003				S		1,106	Ι	)	\$55.3	3	04,027	D			
Common	Stock			12/12/2003					S	s 600		Ι	) [5	<b>\$</b> 55.28 3		03,427	D			
Common	Stock			12/12/2003					S		300	300 D \$		55.23	303,127		D			
Common	Stock			12/12/2003					S	s 200		Γ	) [5	\$55.22		02,927	D			
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003				S		600	Ι	) [5	55.21	3	02,327	D			
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003	3			S		100	Ι	) [5	55.15	3	02,227	D			
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003				S		100	1	)	\$55.1	3	02,127	D			
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003				S		100	Ι	) [5	55.12	3	02,027	D			
Common Stock				12/12/2003					S		300 D		) [5	55.07	3	01,727	D			
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003				S		700	Ι	) [5	55.05	3	01,027	D			
Common	Stock			12/12	2/2003				S		200	Ι	) [5	55.04	3	00,827	D			
Common Stock				12/12/2003					S		100	1	)   9	\$55.02		00,727	D			
Common Stock				12/12/2003					S		100	Ι	) [5	\$55.01		00,627	D			
Common Stock				12/12/2003					S		900	Ι		\$55		99,727	D			
Common Stock				12/12/2003					S		700	Ι	) [5	<b>\$54.97</b> 2		99,027	D			
Common Stock					12/12/2003			3			600	Ι	) [5	54.94	298,427		D			
Common Stock 12/					2/2003				S		100	Ι	) [	54.93	298,327		D			
Common Stock 12					12/12/2003						2,097	Ι	) [5	54.92	296,230		D			
Common Stock 12/12/					2/2003				S		100	Г	) [	54.91	296,130		D			
Common Stock 12/12/						/2003					500	Ι	)	\$54.9	2	95,630	D <sup>(1)</sup>			
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L. Title of 2. 3. Transaction Date Execution Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		3A. Deemo	ed 4. Transa Code (I		ction	on of E		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	xercis	able and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
		Code		v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er								

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1.\ 295,\!630\ shares\ held\ directly\ by\ Reporting\ Person;\ 75,\!742\ shares\ held\ indirectly\ in\ WBV\ Limited\ Liability\ Company$ 

## Remarks:

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By Power of Attorney

12/16/2003

\*\* 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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