Instruction 1(b).

## FORM 4

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# 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 <sup>*</sup> Cooke Julie			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC</u> [ NBIX ]	(Check	ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director Officer (give title	erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) (First) 12780 EL CAMINO REAL		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2020		below) Chief Human Reso	below)
(Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92130		92130	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	—		Form filed by More th Person	an One Reporting
		Table I - Non-De	rivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Ben	eficially	v Owned	

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)	ction	4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/02/2020		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		987	D	\$95.26	9,549	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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	Amount or Number of Shares				

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Sale of 987 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 1,875 restricted stock units on October 2, 2020 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (888) maintained by the Reporting Person; the disposition reported in this Form 4 was effected by a broker pursuant to instructions set forth in a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person at least 60 days prior to the transaction date in Box 3 above. Additionally, Issuer policy restricts the Reporting Person from amending or otherwise modifying any 10b5-1 trading plan subsequent to adoption of the plan.

#### Remarks:

#### /s/ Darin Lippoldt, Attorney-10/06/2020 in-Fact

\*\* 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).

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