## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G	
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )*	
NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC.	
(Name of Issuer)	
Common Stock	
(Title of Class of Securities)	
64125C109	
(CUSIP Number)	
Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting benefic ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)	s t
The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendration which would alter the disclosures proving a prior cover page.	nent
The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).	11
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Name of Reporting Person S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person	
T. ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES, INC. 52-0556948	
Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*	
NOT APPLICABLE (a)	_ _
3 SEC Use Only	
Number of 5 Sole Voting Power	
<b>5</b>	

Beneficially 6 Shared Voting Power  ${}^{**}$ Owned By Each -0-

250,143

Shares

Reporting 7 Sole Dispositive Power

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Person 1,767,643

With 8 Shared Dispositive Power

-0
9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
1,767,643

10 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares\*

NOT APPLICABLE

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9
10.3%

12 Type of Reporting Person\*

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\*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

\*\*Any shares reported in Items 5 and 6 are also reported in Item 7.

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Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer:	
Reference	is made to page 1 of this Schedule 13G	
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:	
	3050 Science Park Road, San Diego, California 92121	
Item 2(a)	Name of Person(s) Filing:	
(1) T. R Asso	owe Price Associates, Inc. ("Price ciates")	
(2)		
the	ched as Exhibit A is a copy of an agreement between Persons Filing (as specified hereinabove) that this dule 13G is being filed on behalf of each of them.	
Item 2(b)	Address of Principal Business Office:	
100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202		
Item 2(c)	Citizenship or Place of Organization:	
(1) Maryland		
(2)	<u></u>	
Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:		
Reference is made to page 1 of this Schedule 13G		
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number: 64125C109	
Item 3 The	person filing this Schedule 13G is an:	
	stment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the stment Advisers Act of 1940	
	stment Company registered under Section 8 of the stment Company Act of 1940	
	rence is made to Items 5-11 on page 2 of this dule 13G.	

- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.
  - X Not Applicable.

This statement is being filed to report the fact that, as of the date of this report, the reporting person(s) has (have) ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities.

- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person
  - (1) Price Associates does not serve as custodian of the assets of any of its clients; accordingly, in each instance only the client or the client's custodian or trustee bank has the right to receive dividends paid with respect to, and proceeds from the sale of, such securities.

The ultimate power to direct the receipt of dividends paid with respect to, and the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, is vested in the individual and institutional clients which Price Associates serves as investment adviser. Any and all discretionary authority which has been delegated to Price Associates may be revoked in whole or in part at any time.

Except as may be indicated if this is a joint filing with one of the registered investment companies sponsored by Price Associates which it also serves as investment adviser ("T. Rowe Price Funds"), not more than 5% of the class of such securities is owned by any one client subject to the investment advice of Price Associates.

- (2) With respect to securities owned by any one of the T. Rowe Price Funds, only State Street Bank and Trust Company, as custodian for each of such Funds, has the right to receive dividends paid with respect to, and proceeds from the sale of, such securities. No other person is known to have such right, except that the shareholders of each such Fund participate proportionately in any dividends and distributions so paid.
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

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Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10 Certification.

By signing below I (we) certify that, to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect. T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. hereby declares and affirms that the filing of Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that Price Associates is the beneficial owner of the securities referred to, which beneficial ownership is expressly denied.

Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, I (we) certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 8, 1998

T. ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES, INC.

By:\_\_\_\_\_ Henry H. Hopkins, Managing Director

Note: This Schedule 13G, including all exhibits, must be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and a copy hereof must be sent to the issuer by registered or certified mail and to the principal national securities exchange on which the security is listed not later than February 14th following the calendar year covered by the statement or within the time specified in Rule 13d-1(b)(2),

if applicable.

04/30/98