FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Coughlin Timothy P					NI NI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC NBIX									all app Dired	olicable)	g Person(s) to I 10% ( Other	
(Last) (First) (Middle) NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC. 12780 EL CAMINO REAL				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2011								Λ	VP and Chief Financial Officer					
(Street) SAN DIF	EGO CA	A 9	92130 Zip)		4. If	Amen	dment,	Date	of Origin	nal File	ed (Month/Da	ay/Year)		6. Indiv Line) X	Forn	n filed by One n filed by Moi	Filing (Check A Reporting Pers re than One Rep	son
		Tabl	e I - N	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or B	enefic	ially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acqu Disposed Of (D) (I				Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(111511.4)	
Common Stock 02/28/20					2011	)11		S <sup>(1)</sup>		12,320	D	\$6.82	266 <sup>(2)</sup>		06,124	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	Date (Month/Day/Year) i	Execut if any	xecution Date, any	4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deriv Secu (Inst	vative urity ir. 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)
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Sale of 12,320 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 33,334 restricted stock units on February 27, 2011 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (21,014) maintained by the Reporting Person; the sale was affected by a broker pursuant to instructions set forth in a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person and delivered to the broker on May 26, 2009.
- 2. Represents a weighted average sales price per share. The prices actually received ranged from \$6.58 to \$7.26. The Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

## Remarks:

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By Power of Attorney

03/01/2011

\*\* 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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