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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Bozigian Haig P.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC</u> [<u>NBIX</u>]		tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, IN 12780 EL CAMINO REAL		(Middle) NC.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2009		Sr Vice President, Development		
(Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92130		92130 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than C Person	ing Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Disposed Of			Securities Beneficially	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)		(1130.4)	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		733	D	\$3.3956 ⁽²⁾	8,614	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiration Date Amount of (Month/Day/Year) Securities			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:

Sale of 733 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 1,667 restricted stock units on January 3, 2009 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (934) 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 September 4, 2008.
 Represents a weighted average sales price per share. The prices actually received ranged from \$3.35 to \$3.46. 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.

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By Power of Attorney

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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