Instruction 1(b)

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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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC LYONS GARY A X Director 10% Owner NBIX ] Officer (give title Other (specify (Middle) below) below) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2021 12780 EL CAMINO REAL

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92130 Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities 6. Ownership Form: Direct 7. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Transaction (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Beneficially Code (Instr. (D) or Beneficial 8)

Ownership (Instr. 4) Owned Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (A) or (D) Code ν Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) **S**<sup>(1)</sup>  $D^{(3)}$ 01/25/2021 \$120.0291(2) Common Stock 1,600 D 224,097 Common Stock 01/26/2021  $S^{(1)}$ \$120 223,697  $D^{(3)}$ D

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
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|   |   |                          |  | Code                                    | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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.
- 2. Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$120.00 to \$120.27. 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.
- 3. The reported shares are held by the Gary A. Lyons Revocable Living Trust U/A 6/8/12, of which the Reporting Person has voting and investment power.

## Remarks:

/s/ Darin Lippoldt, Attorney-01/27/2021 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).
- \*\* 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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