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FORM 4

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* MITCHELL W THOMAS | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---|----|----------|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| WITCHELL W THOWAS | | | NBIX] | | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 12780 EL CAMINO REAL | | | | | Officer (give title | Other (specify | | | |
| | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2012 | | below) | below) | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| SAN DIEGO | CA | 92130 | | X | Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
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| (City) (State) (Zip) | | (Zip) | | | Person | | | | |
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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 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) |
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| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) |
| Common Stock | 12/05/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 900 | D | \$7.41 | 1,000 | I (2) | The Mitchell Living Trust |

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) | | 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. The sale 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 and delivered to the broker on November 7, 2012. 2. 1,000 non-derivative securities are held directly by Reporting Person; 0 non-derivative securities are held indirectly by The Mitchell Living Trust.

Remarks:

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By Power of Attorney <u>12/07/2012</u>

** 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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