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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>O'Brien Christopher Flint</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 12780 EL CAMINO REAL  (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92130  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC [ NBIX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Former Chief Medical Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2018	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	02/05/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,500	D	\$83.0147 <sup>(2)</sup>	52,223	D	
Common Stock	02/05/2018		S <sup>(3)</sup>		1,113	D	\$83.3957 <sup>(2)</sup>	54,310	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2018		F <sup>(4)</sup>		1,014	D	\$82.48	55,946	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Stock Option	\$81.49	02/05/2018		A		9,250		<sup>(5)</sup>	02/05/2028	Common Stock	9,250	\$0.00	9,250	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Sale of 1,500 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 3,000 restricted stock units on February 5, 2018 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (1,500) maintained by the Reporting Person; 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 90 days prior to the transaction date in Box 2 above. Additionally, Issuer policy restricts the Reporting Person from amending, canceling, suspending or otherwise modifying any 10b5-1 trading plan subsequent to adoption of the plan.
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$81.43 to \$84.41. 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.
- Sale of 1,113 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of restricted stock units on February 5, 2018 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (2,087) maintained by the Reporting Person; 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 90 days prior to the transaction date in Box 2 above. Additionally, Issuer policy restricts the Reporting Person from amending, canceling, suspending or otherwise modifying any 10b5-1 trading plan subsequent to adoption of the plan.
- Payment of tax liability by withholding 1,014 shares of Common Stock incident to the vesting of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3, with the balance of the shares (1,636) maintained by the Reporting Person.
- Represents option of which 1/24th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable on March 5, 2018 and an additional 1/24th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Darin Lippoldt, Attorney-in-Fact 02/07/2018

\*\* 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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