

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>ROBERTS BRYAN E</b>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC [ NBIX ]</b>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2010
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VENROCK ASSOCIATES, 3340 HILLVIEW AVENUE		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street) PALO ALTO CA 94306			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	4,044,789	I	By fund <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	739,900	I	By fund <sup>(2)</sup>

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Consists of shares of common stock held directly by Venrock Healthcare Capital Partners, L.P. ("VHCP LP"). VHCP Management, LLC ("VHCP Management") is the general partner of VHCP LP and may be deemed to beneficially own these shares. Anders Hove and Mr. Roberts are the managing members of VHCP Management and may be deemed to beneficially own these shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

2. Consists of shares of common stock held directly by Venrock Co-Investment Holdings, LLC ("Venrock Co-Investment"). VHCP Management is the manager of Venrock Co-Investment and may be deemed to beneficially own these shares. Messrs. Hove and Roberts are the managing members of VHCP Management and may be deemed to beneficially own these shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

## Remarks:

This amendment is being filed solely to file the Power of Attorney as Exhibit 24.1 to the original filing.

/s/ David L. Stepp, attorney-in-fact 01/05/2010

\*\* 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of David L. Stepp, Mark G. Thompson, and Dick Bradshaw, signing individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in fact and agent to:

(i) prepare, execute and file, for and on behalf of the undersigned, any and all documents and filings that are required or advisable to be made with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange or similar authority, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including without limitation (a) any Joint Filing Agreement under Rule 13d-1(k) of the Exchange Act (or any successor provision thereunder), Schedule 13D and Schedule 13G (or any successor schedules or forms adopted under the Exchange Act) and any amendments thereto in accordance with Section 13 of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder, and (b) Forms 3, 4 and 5 and any amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder; and

(ii) take any other action of any nature whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is Venrock assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the Exchange Act, including without limitation Sections 13 and 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file any form or document with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by a company, (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact, or (c) until such attorney-in-fact shall no longer be employed by VR Management, LLC (or its successor).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has cause this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 4th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Bryan E. Roberts