FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to issuer (Check all applicable) x Director x Officer (give title below) o 10% Owner Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. (NBIX) Lyons, Gary A. o Other (specify below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. I.R.S. Identification 4. Statement for President and Chief Executive Officer Month/Year Number of Reporting Person, if an entity 4542 North Lane (Voluntary) 3/17/03 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing 5. If Amendment, (Street) (Check Applicable Line) Date of Original x Form filed by One Reporting Person Del Mar, CA 92014 (Month/Year) o Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) TABLE I --- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED 1. Title of Security 2. Transaction 3. Transaction 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3) Date Code Securities Form: (Month/ Day/ (Instr. 8) Beneficially Owned Direct (D) . Year) Following Reported Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code v Amount Price Common Stock (1) 3/17/03 S 25,000 D \$42.045

76,500

Reminder: Report on separate line for each class of securities

Common Stock

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

3/17/03

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\$2.50

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697,013

(Over) SEC 1474 (3-99)

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FORM 4 (continued	l)	(<i>e.g.</i> , 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)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis- able	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Incentive Stock Option	\$2.50	3/17/03	М		\square	76,500			Common Stock	76,500	\$2.50	0	D	

Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (*e.a.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Explanation of Responses: (1) Sale of non-derivative securities held in G (2) 254,281 shares are held indirectly in GEL Limited Liability Company

/s/ Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen

3/18/03

Date

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