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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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VALE WY	LIE W		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC</u> [NBIX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
	E SALK INSTITUTE 10 N.TORREY PINES ROAD et)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2004	Delow)
(Street) LA JOLLA (City)	CA (State)	92037 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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		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)
			Code	v	Amount	unt (A) or (D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$50.18	300,372	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		700	D	\$50.12	299,672	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		2,000	D	\$50.11	297,672	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$50.1	297,572	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$50.09	297,472	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		300	D	\$50.08	297,172	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		1,600	D	\$50.07	295,572	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$50.06	295,372	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$50.05	294,372	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$50.04	294,272	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		1,900	D	\$50.01	292,372	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2004	08/27/2004	S ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$ <mark>50</mark>	291,372	D ⁽²⁾	

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

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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)				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 reported sale 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 February 11, 2004.

2. 215,630 shares are held by the Reporting Person; 75,742 shares held indirectly by WBV Limited Liability Company.

Remarks:

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By 08/30/2004

Power of Attorney

** 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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