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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **OBrien Christopher Flint** Issuer Symbol **NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES** (Check all applicable) INC [NBIX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES. 01/05/2009 Sr. VP & Chief Medical Officer INC., 12780 EL CAMINO REAL (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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 ior(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		S <u>(1)</u>	1,462	D	\$ 3.4145 (2)	22,449	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
OBrien Christopher Flint			Sr. VP &			
NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC.			Chief			
12780 EL CAMINO REAL			Medical			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130			Officer			

Signatures

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By Power of Attorney 01/07/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Sale of 1,462 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 3,333 restricted stock units on January 3, 2009 to cover payroll and (1) withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (1,871) maintained by the Reporting Person; the sale was affected by a broker pursuant to instructions set forth in a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person and delivered to the broker on September 4, 2008.
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. The prices actually received ranged from \$3.35 to \$3.50. The Reporting Person has (2) 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.

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