

LYONS GARY A
Form 4
March 18, 2003

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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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lyons, Gary A. | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. (NBIX) | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to issuer (Check all applicable) x Director o 10% Owner x Officer (give title below) o Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) | | 4. Statement for Month/Year 3/17/03 | | President and Chief Executive Officer | | |
| 4542 North Lane | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) Del Mar, CA 92014 | | | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) x Form filed by One Reporting Person 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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (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 Transactions(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 (1) | 3/17/03 | S | | 25,000 | D | \$42.045 | | | |
| Common Stock | 3/17/03 | M | | 76,500 | A | \$2.50 | 697,013 | D/I (2) | |
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Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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) |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--------|--|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| \$2.50 | 3/17/03 | M | | | 76,500 | | | Common Stock | 76,500 | \$2.50 | 0 | D |
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Explanation of Responses: (1) Sale of non-derivative securities held in GEL Limited Liability Company
 (2) 254,281 shares are held indirectly in GEL Limited Liability Company

/s/ Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen

3/18/03

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen

Date

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