

NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RANIERI RICHARD J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC [NBIX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/27/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. VP, Human Resources**

**NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC., 12790 EL CAMINO REAL**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**SAN DIEGO, CA 92130**

(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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.12	02/27/2008	A		30,000		02/27/2009	02/27/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Restricted Stock Unit	<sup>(2)</sup>	02/27/2008	A		100,000		<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

RANIERI RICHARD J  
NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC.  
12790 EL CAMINO REAL  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

Sr. VP, Human Resources

## Signatures

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By Power of Attorney

02/29/2008

        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).
- (1) Represents option of which 1/3 of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable on February 27, 2009, February 27, 2010 and February 27, 2011, respectively.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Neurocrine Common Stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units will vest annually at 1/3 of the units vesting on March 27, 2009, February 27, 2010, and February 27, 2011, respectively.

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