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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 Lloyd-Smith Malcolm 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) below) 12780 EL CAMINO REAL 02/06/2019 Chief Regulatory Officer (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ 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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price \$ Common 02/06/2019 $S^{(1)}$ 920 D D 83.5802 19,238 Stock (2)

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 81.05 | 02/07/2019 | | A | 41,671 | (3) | 02/07/2029 | Common Stock | 41,671 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | <u>(4)</u> | 02/07/2019 | | A | 7,712 | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 7,712 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lloyd-Smith Malcolm 12780 EL CAMINO REAL SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

Chief Regulatory Officer

Signatures

/s/ Darin Lippoldt, Attorney-in-Fact

02/08/2019

**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 920 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 2,650 restricted stock units on February 6, 2019 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (1,730) maintained by the Reporting Person; the disposition reported in this Form 4 was

- (1) effected by a broker pursuant to instructions set forth in a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person at least 90 days prior to the transaction date in Box 2 above. Additionally, Issuer policy restricts the Reporting Person from amending or otherwise modifying any 10b5-1 trading plan subsequent to adoption of the plan.
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$80.80 to (2) \$84.9646. The Reporting Person has 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.
- (3) Represents option of which 1/48th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable on March 7, 2019 and an additional 1/48th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable each month thereafter.
- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer Common Stock.
- (5) The Restricted Stock Units will vest annually at 1/4 of the units vesting on each of February 7, 2020, February 7, 2021, February 7, 2022, and February 7, 2023.

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