

NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC  
 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 \*  
 LYONS GARY A

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)  
 NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC., 12790 EL CAMINO REAL  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/19/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/19/2005		A <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		5,647 \$ 61.39	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Trust

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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Variable prepaid forward contract (put equivalent position)	(1) (3)	12/19/2005		X(1)(3)	39,533 (1) (3)	12/15/2003 12/19/2005	Common Stock	39,533

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LYONS GARY A NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC. 12790 EL CAMINO REAL SAN DIEGO, CA 92130	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Margaret E. Valeur-Jensen, By Power of Attorney  
 12/21/2005  
 \*\*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).

Reporting person entered into a prepaid forward purchase agreement dated December 15, 2003, pursuant to which, (i) the reporting person delivered to the broker, the shares listed in item 7 as collateral for the reporting person's obligations, (ii) the broker delivered to the reporting person, an agreed percentage of the market value of the shares listed in item 7 as collateral for broker's obligations, and (iii) the reporting person is obligated to deliver to the broker payment in stock or cash pursuant to the following formula: At Maturity (two years from date of transaction) (Payment in Stock or Cash, if available): (1) If NBIX price is < downside protection price: reporting person pays Salomon Smith Barney Number of Shares x NBIX price; (2) if NBIX price is between downside protection price and capped upside protection price: reporting person pays Salomon Smith Barney Number of Shares x downside protection price;

(1) 89,091 non-derivative shares are held indirectly by the Gary A. Lyons and Eryn H. Lyons Family Trust; 167,941 non-derivative shares are held by the Reporting Person; 126,541 non-derivative shares are held indirectly by the GEL Limited Liability Company.

Footnote (1) continued: The parties agreed to a maturity date of December 19, 2005. Accordingly on the maturity date the reporting person settled his obligation by delivering 39,533 non-derivative shares and retaining ownership of the remaining 5,647 pledged non-derivative shares.

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