

NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 POPS RICHARD F

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)

ALKERMES, INC., 88 SIDNEY STREET, 2ND FLR

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/30/2006

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

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

**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 (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<br>(Instr. 3) | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                     |                    |                 |                                     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                        |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                              | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(1) | \$ 10.6                                           | 06/30/2006              | A                  |                                                                                | 12,000           |                  | 07/30/2006          | 06/30/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 12,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| POPS RICHARD F<br>ALKERMES, INC.<br>88 SIDNEY STREET, 2ND FLR<br>CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Timothy P. Coughlin, by Power of Attorney  
 Date: 06/30/2006

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 1/12th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable on July 30, 2006, an additional 1/12th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

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