## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  DARWIN MICHAEL A						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS INC BCRX ]								(Ch	eck all app Direc	olicable)		Ssuer Owner (specify
(Last) 2190 PAI	Last) (First) (Middle) 2190 PARKWAY LAKE DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2008								-	X belo	,	below ounting Office	)``
(Street) BIRMIN (City)	BIRMINGHAM AL 35244-				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	e) <mark>X</mark> Forn Forn	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  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. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Da			Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock 07/31/2					/2008	2008			P		1,709(1	1)	A	\$2.82	2	3,048	D	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversio or Exercis: Price of Derivative Security		Execution ar) if any	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)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares		. Price of Perivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares were purchased through the company's employee stock purchase plan at a 15% discount of the fair market value of the stock price.

Michael Richardson By POA 08/04/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

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