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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Perso	on*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS INC BCRX]	(Check	ationship of Reporting Perso (all applicable) Director Officer (give title	10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last) 2190 PARKWAY	(First) / LAKE DRIVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2008	X	below) SR VP & CF	
(Street) BIRMINGHAM	AL	35244-	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than Person	rting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefi	cially		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	08/04/2008		Р		3,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$2.822	3,000	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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

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.

08/04/2008

Date

<u>Michael Richardson by POA</u> ** Signature of Reporting Person

** Signature of Reporting

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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