FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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lame and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009		ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS INC [BCRX]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2190 PARKWAY LAKE DR			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
			X Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street) BIRMINGHAM AL 35244			Principal Accounting	g Officer			y One Reporting Person	
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(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock			798	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversi or Exerci	se Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivativ Security	e Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/05/2006	01/05/2015	Common Stock	7,500	7.5	D		
Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/15/2006	06/15/2015	Common Stock	4,000	4.34	D		
Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/17/2007	05/17/2016	Common Stock	7,832	12.26	D		
Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/16/2008	05/16/2017	Common Stock	8,361	7.98	D		
Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/14/2009	03/14/2018	Common Stock	5,775	3.26	D		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Michael Richardson, by power of attorney

01/06/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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