

Northstar Neuroscience, Inc.
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BARCLAYS PLC
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Northstar Neuroscience, Inc. [NSTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

1 CHURCHILL PLACE
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

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

LONDON, X0 E14 5HP
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/20/2008	^	S4	3,450 D	\$ 1.4 4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc, a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock,	10/21/2008	^	S4	5,400 D	\$ 1.4 4,449,458	I	Securities are held by

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\$0.001 par value									Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/22/2008	Â	S4	500	D	\$ 1.39	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/22/2008	Â	S4	5,400	D	\$ 1.41	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/22/2008	Â	S4	1,000	D	\$ 1.42	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/23/2008	Â	S4	1,000	D	\$ 1.33	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/23/2008	Â	S4	100	D	\$ 1.34	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common	10/23/2008	Â	S4	300	D	\$	4,449,458	I	Securities

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Stock, \$0.001 par value							1.35			are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/23/2008	Â	S4	2,200	D	\$ 1.36	4,449,458	I		Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/23/2008	Â	S4	100	D	\$ 1.38	4,449,458	I		Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/23/2008	Â	S4	100	D	\$ 1.39	4,449,458	I		Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/23/2008	Â	S4	1,800	D	\$ 1.4	4,449,458	I		Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	700	D	\$ 1.31	4,449,458	I		Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC

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Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	4,900	D	\$ 1.33	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	1,300	D	\$ 1.34	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	6,500	D	\$ 1.35	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	600	D	\$ 1.36	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	900	D	\$ 1.37	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	500	D	\$ 1.38	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/24/2008	Â	S4	1,800	D	\$ 1.39	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/27/2008	Â	S4	400	D	\$ 1.3	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/27/2008	Â	S4	100	D	\$ 1.31	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/27/2008	Â	S4	400	D	\$ 1.35	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/27/2008	Â	S4	100	D	\$ 1.36	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/30/2008	Â	S4	200	D	\$ 1.25	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/30/2008	Â	S4	600	D	\$ 1.26	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/30/2008	Â	S4	344	D	\$ 1.27	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	10/30/2008	Â	S4	3,200	D	\$ 1.3	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/03/2008	Â	S4	26,192	D	\$ 1.3	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	11/03/2008	Â	S4	308	D	\$ 1.31	4,449,458	I	Securities are held by Barclays Capital Inc., a subsidiary of Barclays PLC

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARCLAYS PLC 1 CHURCHILL PLACE LONDON, X0 E14 5HP	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

Eleanor Crossley 01/09/2009
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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