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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	2836 - Biological Products, Except Diagnostic Substances
Industry	Biotechnology & Drugs
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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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
HIGGINS JOHN L	**BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS INC [BCRX]**	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) **4505 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 200**	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **5/12/2011**	_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
(Street) **DURHAM, NC 27703** (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: 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				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (1)	**$3.56**	**5/12/2011**		**A**		**15000**		**6/13/2011** (2)	**5/12/2021**	**Common Stock**	**15000**	**$0**	**15000**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Automatic non-employee director grant pursuant to the BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan.

(2) The option vests 1/12 per month for a period of 12 months, beginning on June 13, 2011.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIGGINS JOHN L **4505 EMPEROR BLVD.** **SUITE 200** **DURHAM, NC 27703**	**X**			

Signatures

/s/ Michael Richardson, by power of attorney **5/16/2011**

** 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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