NUVASIVE INC Form 4 October 22, 2004

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BLAIR JAMES C**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

(Middle)

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

C/O DOMAIN ASSOCIATES. LLC, ONE PALMER SQUARE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

10/20/2004

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	ear) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.5	10/20/2004		A		6,000		10/20/2005(1)	10/20/2014	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLAIR JAMES C

C/O DOMAIN ASSOCIATES, LLC

ONE PALMER SQUARE

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

Signatures

Kathleen K. Schoemaker, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vests ratably on a monthly basis over one year (fully vested as of 10/20/05).
 - The Reporting Person also indirectly beneficially owns i) 8,000 shares of Common Stock held by Domain Associates, L.L.C.; ii) 1,752,455 shares of Common Stock held by Domain Partners IV, L.P.; and iii) 31,204 shares of Common Stock held by DP IV Associates, L.P. The Reporting Person is a managing member of Domain Associates, L.L.C. and a managing member of One Palmer
- (2) Square Associates IV, L.L.C., the sole general partner of Domain Partners IV, L.P. and DP IV Associates, L.P. Pursuant to Instruction 4(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such entity. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his or her pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him or her.

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