NUVASIVE INC Form 4 March 07, 2006

FORM 4

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

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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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O DOMAIN ASSOCIATES.

LLC, ONE PALMER SQUARE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

5. Amount of

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

(A)

or

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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

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

Execution Date, if any

5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(I	Month/Day/Year)	(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)	\$ 18.95	03/03/2006		A		17,000		<u>(1)</u>	03/03/2016	Common Stock	17,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLAIR JAMES C C/O DOMAIN ASSOCIATES, LLC ONE PALMER SQUARE PRINCETON, NJ 08542

X

Signatures

Lisa A. Kraeutler, Attorney-in-Fact 03/06/2006

**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) 11,000 shares vested on the date of grant and an additional 2,000 shares vest on each anniversary thereafter.

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