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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BEST LAWRENCE C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER</u> (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA 01242</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BIOGEN IDEC INC [BIIB]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/03/2005</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right-to-buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$66.29	01/03/2005		A		12,500		(2)	01/03/2015	Common Stock	12,500	(1)	12,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).
- Immediately exercisable for all the option shares on grant date of 01/03/2005 subject to Issuer's repurchase rights which lapse on 01/03/2006.

Remarks:

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger; 01/05/2005
 For: Lawrence C. Best

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, the undersigned, a director and/or an executive officer of Biogen Idec Inc., hereby authorize and designate Thomas J. Bucknum, Anne Marie Cook, Jo Ann Taormina, Benjamin Harshbarger and Kevin M. Foley and each of them acting alone, as my attorney-in-fact to execute and file on my behalf any and all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that I may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of my ownership of or transactions in securities of Biogen Idec Inc. The authority granted under this power of attorney shall continue for so long as I am required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with regard to my ownership of or transactions in securities of Biogen Idec Inc., unless earlier revoked in writing, but shall terminate automatically as to each individual attorney-in-fact when such person is no longer an employee of Biogen Idec Inc. I acknowledge that the attorneys-in-fact appointed hereunder are not assuming, nor is Biogen Idec Inc. assuming, any of my responsibility to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be duly executed this 12th day of November, 2003.

/s/ Lawrence C. Best
(Signature)

Lawrence C. Best