

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SCHNEIER CRAIG ERIC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER</u> (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA 02142</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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Human Resources</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/06/2006</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. 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			
Common Stock								16,978.71 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock								460	I	by Spouse

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) ⁽²⁾	\$44.24	02/06/2006		A		60,000		(3)	02/05/2016	Common Stock	60,000	(2)	60,000	D	
restricted Stock Units	(4)	02/06/2006		A		24,000		(5)	(4)	Common Stock	24,000	(4)	24,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Increase in directly held shares represents the acquisition of common stock under the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).
- The stock option becomes exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 02/06/06.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of BIIB common stock.
- The restricted stock units vest in three (3) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 02/06/06.

Remarks:

by: Kevin M. Foley; for: Craig Eric Schneier 02/08/2006

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned's hereby makes,
constitutes and appoints Benjamin S. Harshbarger, Daniel S. Char, Jo Ann
Taormina and Kevin M. Foley as the undersigned's true and lawful
attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described
on
behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

(1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5
(including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of
Biogen
Idex Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United
States
Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities
exchanges and
the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under
Section 16(a) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and
regulations
promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the
"Exchange Act");

(2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's
representative and on the
undersigned's behalf, information on
transactions in the Company's
securities from any third party, including
brokers, employee benefit plan
administrators and trustees, and the
undersigned hereby authorizes any such
person to release any such
information to the undersigned and approves and
ratifies any such release
of information; and

(3) perform any and all
other acts which in
the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary
or desirable for
and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the
foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

(1) this Power of
Attorney
authorizes, but does not require, such attorney-in-fact to act in
their
discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without
independent verification of such information;

(2) any documents
prepared and/or executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the
undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and
will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in
his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;

(3) neither
the
Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the
undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the
Exchange
Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to

comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16th day of January, 2006.

Craig Eric Schneier

/s/

Craig Eric Schneier