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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BUCKNUM THOMAS J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER</u> (Street) <u>CAMBIRIDGE 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 and General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/17/2005</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			
Common Stock	02/18/2005		M		9,200	A	\$35.42	9,200	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2005		S		9,200	D	\$67.1241	0	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2005		M		57,500	A	\$47.15	57,500	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2005		S		57,500	D	\$67.1241	0	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2005		M		23,000	A	\$45.46	28,750	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2005		S		23,000	D	\$67.1241	5,750	D	
Common Stock								9,000	D	

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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right-to-buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$35.42	02/18/2005		M			9,200	(2)	12/11/2008	Common Stock	9,200	(1)	0	D	
Stock Option (right-to-buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$47.15	02/18/2005		M			57,500	(3)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	57,500	(1)	0	D	
Stock Option (right-to-buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$45.46	02/18/2005		M			23,000	(4)	12/15/2010	Common Stock	23,000	(1)	5,750	D	
Stock Option (right-to-buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$67.57	02/17/2005		A		55,000		(5)	02/17/2015	Common Stock	55,000	(1)	55,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).
2. The stock option became exercisable in five (5) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 12/11/98.
3. The stock option became exercisable in five (5) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 06/10/99.
4. The stock option becomes exercisable in five (5) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 12/15/00.
5. The stock option becomes exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 02/17/05.

Remarks:

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger:
For: Thomas J. Bucknum

02/22/2005

** 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.

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned's hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Thomas J. Bucknum, Anne Marie Cook, Benjamin S. Harshbarger, 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 Idec 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 20th day of January, 2005.

/s/ Thomas

J. Bucknum

