FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP	

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOGEN IDEC INC [BIIB]											elationship ck all appli Directo	cable)	g Pers	son(s) to Iss			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2004										Officer (give title below)			pecify		
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02142 (City) (State) (Zip)							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	<i>r</i> ative	e Se	curiti	ies Ac	quir	ed, D	isp	osed c	of, or B	enefi	iciall	y Owned	l					
Date				2. Trans Date (Month/		ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Co	ansacti de (Ins		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)					es ally Following	Form	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										de V	<u> </u>	Amount	(A) (D)	PI	rice	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 10/01/2							2004		M	(1)		5,000) A	\$	14.48	20,000			D			
Common Stock 10/01/2						2004			S	(1)		5,000) D		\$ <mark>61</mark>	15,000			D			
		Т	able II -									sed of, onverti				Owned				<u> </u>		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Insti 8)		of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp of (I	osed D) tr. 3, 4	Expira	e Exerc ation D h/Day/	ate	ble and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e O S F Illy D O (!)	LO. Dwnership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Stock Option (right-to-	\$14.48	10/01/2004			M			5,000	(3)	06	6/05/2007	Common Stock	5,0	000	(2)	15,000)	D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- $2. \ Granted \ under \ one \ of \ the \ Issuer's \ stock \ option \ plans, \ in \ an \ exempt \ transaction \ under \ SEC \ rule \ 16(b)-3(d).$
- 3. The stock option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 06/05/97.

Remarks:

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger For: Mary L. Good

10/05/2004

** 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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