

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ROHN WILLIAM R</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>Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/17/2004</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	11/17/2004		M		75,000	A	\$6.9167	140,462	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		300	D	\$57.91	139,862	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		500	D	\$57.92	139,362	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		1,900	D	\$57.93	137,462	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		1,200	D	\$57.94	136,262	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		2,100	D	\$57.97	134,162	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		2,000	D	\$58	132,162	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		2,600	D	\$58.01	129,562	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		1,900	D	\$58.02	127,662	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		3,000	D	\$58.03	124,662	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$58.04	124,562	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		6,700	D	\$58.05	117,862	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		2,100	D	\$58.06	115,762	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		2,700	D	\$58.07	113,062	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		2,000	D	\$58.08	111,062	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		5,100	D	\$58.09	105,962	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		6,300	D	\$58.1	99,662	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		1,400	D	\$58.11	98,262	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		1,500	D	\$58.12	96,762	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$58.13	96,962	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		300	D	\$58.15	96,662	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		14,300	D	\$58.16	82,362	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		5,400	D	\$58.17	76,962	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		1,800	D	\$58.18	75,162	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		2,000	D	\$58.19	73,162	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		4,800	D	\$58.2	68,362	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$58.21	68,162	D	
Common Stock								6,000	I	by Spouse
Common Stock								377,388	I	by Trust

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								20,301.7731	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
Stock Option (right-to-buy) ⁽²⁾	\$6.9167	11/17/2004		M			75,000	(3)	02/05/2008	Common Stock	75,000	(2)	65,462	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).
- Option became exercisable as to 25% of the optioned shares on 1/01/99 and as to the balance of the shares in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

Remarks:

This is the first of two Form 4 filings which together represent the exercise of an aggregate of 75,000 Issuer options on 11/17/2004.

By: [Benjamin S. Harshbarger](#)
For: [William R. Rohn](#) [11/19/2004](#)

** 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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