obligations may Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name an		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOGEN IDEC INC. [BIIB]								(Check all a		licable) tor	Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle) BIOGEN IDEC INC. 133 BOSTON POST ROAD					05	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2011								below) below) EVP, General Counsel				)
(Street) WESTON	STON MA 02493			- 4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indivi	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  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. Transact Date (Month/Date)						2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		e,   i	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or D Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			sposed	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								(	ode	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			ted action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 05/02					11	1			s <sup>(1)</sup> 4,124 D \$96		\$96.96	82(2)(3)	3	5,834	D			
Common	05/02/2011					S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,876	D	\$97.53	51(2)(4)	3	2,958	D				
Common Stock 05/02					11			S <sup>(1</sup>			3,177	D	\$96.89	3994 <sup>(2)(3)</sup> 29,		9,781	D	
Common Stock 05/0					11				S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,816	D	\$97.52	02(2)(5)	2	6,965	D	
Common Stock 05/02/20					.1			S <sup>(1)</sup>			5,100	D	\$97.02	7.0221(2)(6)		1,865	D	
Common Stock 05/02				05/02/203	11	1			S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,900	D	\$97.5207(2)(7)		18,965		D	
1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction Date Execurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if a			3A. E Exec	(e.g., po	uts, o	e Securities Accons, calls, warrants  snaction de (Instr.  5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		mber ative rities ired osed	6. D	ate Ex	ercisable and	7. Titl Amou Secu Unde Deriv Secu			rice of rative rity	of 9. Number of derivative Securities	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		Expiration le Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						

## **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. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.
- 3. This represents the weighed average price for shares sold at a range between \$96.38 (low) and \$97.35 (high).
- 4. This represents the weighed average price for shares sold at a range between \$97.44 (low) and \$97.71 (high).
- 5. This represents the weighed average price for shares sold at a range between \$97.38 (low) and \$97.72 (high).
- 6. This represents the weighed average price for shares sold at a range between \$96.41 (low) and \$97.40 (high).
- 7. This represents the weighed average price for shares sold at a range between \$97.43 (low) and \$97.73 (high).

Aras Lapinskas, Attorney in 05/03/2011 Fact for Susan H. Alexander

\*\* 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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