FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ALEXANDER SUSAN H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOGEN IDEC INC. [BIIB]									Check	tionship of Reportir all applicable) Director Officer (give title		10% (ssuer Owner (specify	
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2012									X	belov	N) .	below eral Counsel		
(Street) WESTON MA 02493			4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St		Zip)		<u> </u>														
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired	, Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	ally	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day)					Execution Date,				ies Acquired (A) o Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			l and 5) Se Be Ov		ount of ities icially d Following ted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(
Common Stock 08/02/2				′2012			S ⁽¹⁾		1,165		D	\$142.99		9 9,020		D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Security Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			saction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Date Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		nstr. 3 nount mber	1		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Robert A. Licht, Attorney in Fact for Susan H. Alexander

08/03/2012

** 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).
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