



**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 7, 2004

**Biogen Idec Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-19311**

(Commission File Number)

**33-0112644**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**14 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142**

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 679-2000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

- (a) William H. Rastetter, Ph.D., the registrant's Executive Chairman, entered into two Rule 10b5-1 sales plans on April 8, 2004. One plan covers shares held in trust and the second plan covers stock options. Sales under the plans are scheduled to take place between June 10, 2004 and December 31, 2005. The maximum number of shares which can be sold under the plans is 184,081.
- (b) Craig Eric Schneier, the registrant's Executive Vice President, Human Resources, entered into a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan on April 7, 2004. Sales under the plan are scheduled to take place between June 7, 2004 and May 31, 2005. All of the shares to be sold under the plan are the subject of stock options. The maximum number of shares which can be sold under the plan is 122,500.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Biogen Idec Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: April 14, 2004

/s/ Anne Marie Cook

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Anne Marie Cook  
Vice President, Chief Corporate Counsel