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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BEST LAWRENCE C</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>BIAGEN IDEC INC [BIIB]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/12/2003</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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			

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
1985 NQ Stock Option	\$37.83	11/12/2003		A		23,000		(1)	02/07/2013	Common Stock	23,000	\$0 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	23,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The stock option becomes exercisable in three(3) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 02/07/03.
- The securities reported on this form were acquired by the reporting person in the merger of Bridges Merger Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, with and into Biogen, Inc. ("Biogen") effective on November 12, 2003 (the "Merger"). In the Merger, each share of common stock of Biogen, Inc. was exchange for 1.15 (the "Exchange Ratio") shares of common stock of the Issuer. In connection with the Merger, the Issuer assumed all options outstanding at the effective time of the merger under Biogen's existing stock option plans, including the options being reported by the reporting person. Each such Biogen stock option is now exercisable for shares of the Issuer's common stock. The exercise price for each share of Issuer common stock is calculated by dividing the exercise price of the option immediately prior to the Merger for a share of Biogen common stock by the Exchange Ratio (rounded up to the nearest cent).
- continued from note 2. The number of shares of Issuer common stock for which an assumed option may be exercised is calculated by multiplying the number of shares of Biogen common stock for which the option was exercisable immediately prior to the Merger by the Exchange Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole share.)

Lawrence C. Best 11/12/2003
 ** 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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