### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  SCHNEIER CRAIG ERIC |   |  |  |         |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOGEN IDEC INC [ BIIB ] |          |   |                                       |      |  |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (spec            |   |  |   |             | ner  |
|---|---|--|--|---------|--|--|----------|---|---------------------------------------|------|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|-------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER                   |   |  |  |         |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/21/2004          |          |   |                                       |      |  |  |  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  EVP, Human Resources  |   |  |   |             |  |
| (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02142                                   |   |  |  |         | 4. 1                                       | 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 |   |  |   |             |  |
| (City)  | (S  | (State) (Zip)                              |  |         |  |  |          |   |                                       |      |  |  |  | Person  |   |  |   |             |  |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - No                                    | n-Deri\ | /ative                                     | e Se   | curiti   | ies Ac  | quired,                               | Dis  | posed c  | f, or B                                      | enefic   | cially  | Owned   | ı  |   |             |  |
| Da  |   |  |  | Date    | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |          | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                                       |      | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5) |  |  |   |   | es<br>ially<br>Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | t o         | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |
|   |   |  |  |         |  |  |          |   | Code                                  | v    | Amount   | (A) (D)                                      | (A) or<br>(D)  |   | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3                     | tion(s)  |   |             | nstr. 4)   |
| Common Stock  |   |  |  |         | 06/21/2004                                 |  |          |   | М                                     |      | 3,500  | ) A  | \$   | 37.45   | 53  | ,625   | D   |             |  |
| Common Stock (  |   |  |  | 06/2    | 06/21/2004                                 |  |          |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                      |      | 1,000  | ) D  | \$   | 58.43   | 52  | ,625   | D   |             |  |
| Common Stock 0  |   |  |  | 06/2    | 06/21/2004                                 |  |          |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                      |      | 400  | D  | \$   | 58.29 52  |   | ,225   | D   |             |  |
| Common Stock 06   |   |  |  | 06/23   | 06/21/2004                                 |  |          |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                      |      | 1,000  | ) D  | \$   | 58.24   | 51  | ,225   | D   |             |  |
| Common Stock 06/21  |   |  |  |         | 1/2004                                     | 4  |          |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                      |      | 1,100  | ) D  | D \$58.23  |   | 50,125  |  | D   |             |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |  |         |  |  |          |   |                                       |      |  |  |  |   | 15,6  | 01.38  | D   |             |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |  |         |  |  |          |   |                                       |      |  |  |  |   | 4   | 60   | I   | b<br>S      | y<br>pouse   |
|   |   | Т  | able II -                                    |         |  |  |          |   | uired, E<br>s, option                 |      |  |  |  | -   | Owned   |  |   |             |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,   | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)    |  | າ of   E |   | 6. Date Ex<br>Expiration<br>(Month/Da | Date |  | Amount<br>Securitie<br>Underlyi<br>Derivativ | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>y Direct (D)<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4  | (D)<br>rect | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |  |         | Code                                       | v  | (A)      | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisab                     |      | xpiration<br>ate   | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar   | ber   | er  |  |   |             |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right-to-<br>buv) <sup>(2)</sup>          | \$37.45   | 06/21/2004                                 |  |         | M  |  |          | 3,500   | (3)                                   | 1    | 2/06/2012  | Common<br>Stock                              | 3,5  | 00  | (2)   | 50,125   | 5 D   |             |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- $2. \ Granted \ under \ one \ of \ the \ Issuer's \ stock \ option \ plans, \ in \ an \ exempt \ transaction \ under \ SEC \ rule \ 16(b)-3(d).$
- 3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 12/06/02.

# Remarks:

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger For: Craig Eric Schneier \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

06/21/2004

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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