

AUSTEN W GERALD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**AUSTEN W GERALD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE**

(Street)

**DANVERS, MA 01923**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ABIOMED INC [ABMD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/04/2012**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	05/04/2012		M		12,000	A	\$ 9.99
					82,200	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 19.69					08/09/2001 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/09/2010	Common Stock 5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 18.4					08/08/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/08/2012	Common Stock 5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 10.41					08/11/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/11/2014	Common Stock 8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 10.06					08/09/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/10/2015	Common Stock 8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 13.21					08/08/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/09/2016	Common Stock 8,000
Stock option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 12.69					08/13/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/08/2017	Common Stock 8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 18.63					08/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/13/2018	Common Stock 12,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 9.99	05/04/2012		M	12,000	08/10/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/11/2020	Common Stock 12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AUSTEN W GERALD C/O ABIOMED, INC. 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE DANVERS, MA 01923	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Ian W. McLeod (by power of attorney)	05/08/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 1989 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable in full on the date set forth in Table II, Column 6.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.

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