

BIOGEN IDEC INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RASTETTER WILLIAM H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BIOGEN IDEC INC [BIIB]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2005

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)  
 Executive Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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
Common Stock	02/15/2005		M		120,313	A	\$ 3.3542
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,500	D	\$ 67.51
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		27,500	D	\$ 67.56
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		22,500	D	\$ 67.6243
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500	D	\$ 67.69

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Common Stock	02/15/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	5,000	D	\$ 67.79	55,313	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	D	\$ 67.86	45,313	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	32,500	D	\$ 67.87	12,313	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	7,500	D	\$ 67.8724	5,313	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	5,313	D	\$ 67.91	0	D	
Common Stock						371,629 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by Trust
Common Stock						50,676.77 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock Option (right-to-buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 3.3542	02/15/2005		M	120,313	<sup>(5)</sup>	01/24/2006	Common Stock	120,313

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RASTETTER WILLIAM H 14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142	X		Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger; For: William H.  
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02/17/2005

\_\_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) Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
  - (2) Increase in the amount of indirectly held shares is the result of a transfer of directly held shares into a trust.
  - (3) Decrease in the amount of directly held shares is the result of a transfer of directly held shares into a trust.
  - (4) Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).
  - (5) Option became exercisable as to 25% of the optioned shares on 1/25/96 and as to the balance of the shares in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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