

KRAEUTLER JOHN A  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
KRAEUTLER JOHN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC  
[VIVO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/10/2005

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45244  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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                    | 11/10/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 9,000 (1) \$ 5.667 (1) 133,512 (1)  | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Buy (Right to Buy Common Stock)  | \$ 5.667 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 11/10/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 9,000 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     |     | 11/14/1999  | 11/13/2005      | Common Stock | 9,000 <sup>(1)</sup>       |
| Option to Buy (Right to Buy Common Stock)  | \$ 21.01   | 11/10/2005                           |  | A                              |   | 10,500   |     | <sup>(2)</sup>  | 11/10/2005      | Common Stock | 10,500                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| KRAEUTLER JOHN A<br>3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45244 | X             |           | President, COO |       |

## Signatures

Melissa Lueke, Attorney-in-Fact for John A. Kraeutler  
 Date: 11/15/2005

\_\_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) Adjusted to reflect a 3-for-2 stock split by the Company effective September 2, 2005.

These non-qualified stock options are granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan and will vest over a three year period commencing at such time as the Company has reported to the public net earnings of \$16,950,000 or greater for fiscal 2006. If net earnings do not reach \$16,950,000 or higher for such year, the options become void.

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