

BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO

Form 8-K

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act Of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 2, 2004

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-1136
(Commission File
Number)

22-079-0350
(IRS Employer
Identification
Number)

345 Park Avenue
New York, NY, 10154
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 546-4000

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On November 2, 2004, the vesting of 178,889 shares of restricted stock previously awarded to James Palmer, former Chief Scientific Officer were accelerated pursuant to a decision by the Compensation and Management Development Committee following Dr. Palmer's death. In addition, the Compensation and Management Development Committee granted Dr. Palmer full-term participation of Long-Term Performance Awards previously granted to him.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

Date: November 8, 2004

BY: /s/ Sandra Leung

Name: Sandra Leung
Title: Secretary