

Stickel Gary
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FORM 4

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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 *
Stickel Gary

(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)
03/31/2005

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)
VP of HR

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	03/31/2005		A	151 ⁽⁴⁾ A	\$ 7,922	151	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.25					03/29/2006 ⁽²⁾ 03/29/2014	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12.6					06/15/2005 ⁽³⁾ 06/15/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 10.8					03/01/2006 ⁽³⁾ 03/01/2015	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stickel Gary C/O ABIOMED, INC. 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE DANVERS, MA 01923			VP of HR	

Signatures

/s/ Charles B. Haaser
(attorney-in-fact) 03/31/2005

__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) 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.
- (2) Thirty percent of this option will become exercisable on each of 03/29/06 and 03/29/07, and an additional 40% will become exercisable on 03/29/08.

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- (3) These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments, commencing on the date shown in Table II, Column 6.
- (4) Shares of common stock were acquired by the reporting person through participation in the ABIOMED, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, qualified under Section 423 of Internal Revenue Code.

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