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Form 5 obligations STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

OBRIEN JOHN F

Symbol

ABIOMED INC [ABMD]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner _Other (specify Officer (give title

C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY

HILL DRIVE

par value Common

Stock, \$.01

05/11/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2006

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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A \$ 5.15 174,902

DANVERS, MA 01923

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value							139,902	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	05/11/2006		M	25,000	A	\$ 7	164,902	D	
Common Stock, \$.01	05/11/2006		M	5,000	A	\$ 4.71	169,902	D	

5.000

M

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par value

Common
Stock, \$.01 05/11/2006 M 8,000 A \$ 10.41 182,902 D
par value

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	• •	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acq or D (D)	urities quired (A) Disposed of etr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 7	05/11/2006	M		25,000	06/30/1998(2)	07/01/2007	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 4.71	05/11/2006	M		5,000	08/06/2003(3)	05/21/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 5.15	05/11/2006	M		5,000	08/13/2004(3)	08/13/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 10.41	05/11/2006	M		8,000	08/11/2005(3)	08/11/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 19.69					08/09/2001(3)	08/09/2010	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option	\$ 18.4					08/08/2002(3)	08/08/2011	Common Stock	5,000

(right to buy) $\underline{^{(1)}}$

Stock

buy) (4)

Option \$ 10.06

 $08/09/2006^{(3)}$ 08/10/2015

Common Stock

ock 8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OBRIEN JOHN F

C/O ABIOMED, INC. 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE DANVERS, MA 01923

X

Signatures

/s/ Charles B. 05/15/2006 Haaser

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under ABIOMED, Inc. 1989 Non-Qualified Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable in annual 20% increments commencing on the date set forth in Table II, Column 6.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in full on the date set forth in Table II, Column 6.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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