

RIEDEL NORBERT G  
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 \*  
RIEDEL NORBERT G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
OSCIENT PHARMACEUTICALS CORP [OSCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 WINTER ST. SUITE 2200  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2005

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

WALTHAM, MA 02451

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 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		
				Code	V	Amount	

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.57	12/21/2005	D	10,709	04/13/2005	04/12/2014	Common stock	10,709
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.28	12/21/2005	A	10,709	12/21/2005	12/20/2015	Common Stock	10,709

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIEDEL NORBERT G 1000 WINTER ST. SUITE 2200 WALTHAM, MA 02451		X		

## Signatures

Robert E. Farrell Jr Corp Controller/Treasurer Power of Attorney  
 12/29/2005  
 \*\*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) The discounted stock options were cancelled by mutual agreement of the reporting person and the Company and exchanged for the same amount of options exercisable at the current fair market value on the transaction date in accordance with transition guidance issued by Internal Revenue Code, Section 409A. Additionally, the reporting person received \$11,214.17 as consideration for the cancellation and exchange.

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