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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 *
 Friedman Steven M.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

EXPERIMENTAL
 STATION, ROUTE 141 AND
 HENRY CLAY RD

(Street)

WILMINGTON, DE 19880

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 INCYTE CORP [INCY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/27/2009

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)
 EVP, Biology & Preclinical Dev

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.11	01/27/2009	A		13,904		(1)	01/26/2016	Common Stock	13,904
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.11	01/27/2009	A		61,096		(1)	01/26/2016	Common Stock	61,096

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Friedman Steven M. EXPERIMENTAL STATION ROUTE 141 AND HENRY CLAY RD WILMINGTON, DE 19880			EVP, Biology & Preclinical Dev	

Signatures

/s/ Steven M.
Friedman

01/29/2009

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Option begins vesting on grant date in 25 installments, the first 33.33% vesting on the one year anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 66.67% vesting in equal monthly installments during the two year period thereafter. Vesting may be accelerated and exercise term may be extended upon occurrence of certain events.

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