

SCHNEIER CRAIG ERIC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SCHNEIER CRAIG ERIC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BIOGEN IDEC INC [BIIB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/31/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP, Human Resources

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

___X___ 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 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) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2005 | | M | 3,500 A \$ 37.45 | 35,750 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,551 D \$ 63.53 | 33,199 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2005 | | S | 949 D \$ 63.42 | 32,250 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 16,301.934 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 460 | I | by Spouse |

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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 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right-to-buy) (2) | \$ 37.45 | 01/31/2005 | | M | 3,500 | (3) 12/06/2012 | Common Stock | 3,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHNEIER CRAIG ERIC 14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142 | | | EVP, Human Resources | |

Signatures

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger For: Craig Eric
Schneier

02/02/2005

__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) Sale pursuant to a trading plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(2) Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).

(3) The stock option becomes exercisable in four (4) equal annual installments, commencing one year after the grant date of 12/06/02.

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