

BOLT WILLIAM J  
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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 \*  
BOLT WILLIAM J

(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)  
05/22/2012

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)  
SVP, QA and Regulatory Affairs

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	05/22/2012		A		5,000 (7)	D	\$ 0 83,512 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 15.563					06/28/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/28/2010	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 24.12					06/22/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/22/2011	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 12.3					07/01/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/01/2014	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 9.36					06/08/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/08/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 13.57					06/01/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/01/2016	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 11.27					05/30/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/30/2017	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 5.86					05/28/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/28/2019	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 5.86					03/31/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	05/28/2019	Common Stock	18,000
Stock option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 13.8					05/23/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/23/2018	Common Stock	9,666

Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 10.03				06/03/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/03/2020	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 22.44	05/22/2012	A	20,000	05/22/2013	05/22/2022	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOLT WILLIAM J C/O ABIOMED, INC. 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE DANVERS, MA 01923			SVP, QA and Regulatory Affairs	

## Signatures

/s/ Ian W. McLeod (by power of attorney) 05/24/2012

\*\*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) Options were fully exercisable on the date shown.
  - (2) Grant to reporting person of this option to buy the number of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 1998 Equity Incentive Plan.
  - (3) Grant to reporting person of this option to buy the number of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
  - (4) These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments, commencing on the date shown in Table II, Column 6.
  - (5) Grant to reporting person of this option to buy the number of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
  - (6) These options became fully exercisable on March 31, 2010.
  - (7) Represents the grant of a share award for restricted stock units to which one third of the shares will be issued to the reporting person on each of May 22, 2013, May 22, 2014, and May 22, 2015, so long as he continues to be employed by the issuer on the vesting dates. In addition, additional performance share awards of up to 11,250 restricted stock units was granted to this reporting person on May 22, 2012 with double trigger vesting pursuant to fiscal 2013 financial performance will determine whether 0%, 33%, 67% or 100% of the underlying restricted stock units are eligible for vesting at which point half of the units eligible for vesting will vest on May 22, 2014 and the other half of the units eligible for vesting will vest on May 22, 2015.

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