

ABIOMED INC  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**08/13/2008**

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	08/13/2008		A		45,000 (6) \$ 18.63	81,812	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 6.688					07/01/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/01/2009	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 15.563					06/28/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/28/2010	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 24.12					06/22/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/22/2011	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 6.75					06/25/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/25/2012	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 5.11					06/25/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/25/2013	Common Stock	16,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 12.3					07/01/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 07/01/2014	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 9.36					06/08/2006 <sup>(5)</sup> 06/08/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 13.57					06/01/2007 <sup>(5)</sup> 06/01/2016	Common Stock	20,000
	\$ 11.27					05/30/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 05/30/2017		8,000

Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>				Common Stock	
Stock option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 13.8	05/23/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	05/23/2018	Common Stock	9,666

## 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/ Daniel J. Sutherby (by power of attorney) 08/15/2008

        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. 1992 Combination Stock Option 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. 1998 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (4) 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.
- (5) These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments, commencing on the date shown in Table II, Column 6.
- (6) Shares of restricted stock awarded to reporting person under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares vest based on the achievement of a certain performance milestones.

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