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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BOLT WILLIAM J** Issuer Symbol ABIOMED INC [ABMD] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY 08/13/2008 below) HILL DRIVE SVP, QA and Regulatory Affairs (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

DANVERS, MA 01923

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((City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative Securities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Titl	e of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Secur	ity	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr	. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
			(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	(D) or	Ownership
						Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					()	Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)	Transaction(s)		

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 45,000 Stock, \$.01 08/13/2008 D Α 81.812 (6) 18.63 par value

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Applicable Line)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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) (2)	\$ 6.688					07/01/2003(1)	07/01/2009	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 15.563					06/28/2004(1)	06/28/2010	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 24.12					06/22/2005(1)	06/22/2011	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 6.75					06/25/2004(1)	06/25/2012	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 5.11					06/25/2005(1)	06/25/2013	Common Stock	16,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 12.3					07/01/2005(5)	07/01/2014	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 9.36					06/08/2006(5)	06/08/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 13.57					06/01/2007(5)	06/01/2016	Common Stock	20,000
	\$ 11.27					05/30/2008(5)	05/30/2017		8,000

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Stock Option (right to buy) $\frac{(4)}{(4)}$ Stock option (right to buy) $\frac{(4)}{(4)}$ \$ 13.8 $05/23/2009\frac{(5)}{(4)}$ 05/23/2018 $\frac{\text{Common}}{\text{Stock}}$ 9,666 buy) $\frac{(4)}{(4)}$

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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