

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE 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 \*  
**BALDINI LAWRENCE**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC  
 [VIVO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/07/2004**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Operations

**CINCINNATI, OH 45244**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/07/2004		S	145	D \$ 17	12,774	D
Common Stock	12/07/2004		S	274	D \$ 16.91	12,500	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)

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
Option to Buy (Right to Buy Common Stock)	\$ 16.38	12/07/2004		A	7,000	<sup>(1)</sup> 12/07/2014	Common Stock	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALDINI LAWRENCE 3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE CINCINNATI, OH 45244			VP, Operations	

## Signatures

Melissa Lueke, Attorney-in-Fact for Lawrence Baldini	12/09/2004
**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).
- These non-qualified stock options are granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan and will vest over a three year period commencing at such time as the Company has reported to the public net earnings of \$10,800,000 or greater for fiscal 2005. If net earnings
- (1) do not reach \$10,800,000 or higher for such year, the options become void. In addition, these stock options are contingent upon shareholder approval of the 2004 Equity Compensation Plan at the Company's 2005 Annual Meeting and will become void in the absence of such approval.

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