

BOLT WILLIAM J  
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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ABIOMED INC [ABMD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, QA and Regulatory Affairs

DANVERS, MA 01923

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	05/24/2012		F <sup>(6)</sup>	967 D	\$ 21.602 82,545	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>	\$ 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 05/28/2019	Common Stock	18,000
	\$ 13.8					05/23/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 05/23/2018		9,666

Stock option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>				Common Stock	
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	05/22/2013	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) 05/25/2012

        \*\*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).

- Options were fully exercisable on the date shown.
- 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.
- 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.
- These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments, commencing on the date shown in Table II, Column 6.
- 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.
- Sale of common stock pursuant to reporting owner's 10(b)5-1 plan.

This price represents the weighted average sale price of multiple transactions on the reported date at prices that ranged between \$21.6000  
(7) and \$21.6300. Detailed information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

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