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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 \*  
Howley Michael G

(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)  
06/07/2011

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)  
VP, Global Sales & Marketing

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	06/07/2011		S <sup>(4)</sup>		2,716	D	\$ 17.1191
							59,784 <sup>(5)</sup>
							<sup>(6)</sup>

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
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.23					03/05/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/05/2019	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.86					05/28/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/28/2019	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.86					03/31/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/28/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.03					06/03/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/03/2020	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Howley Michael G C/O ABIOMED, INC. 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE DANVERS, MA 01923			VP, Global Sales & Marketing	

## Signatures

/s/ Ian W. McLeod (by power of attorney) 06/08/2011

\*\*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) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of common stock set forth on Table II, Column 7, under the Abiomed, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.

(2) These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments, commencing on the date shown forth in Table II, Column 6.

(3) These options became exercisable in full on March 31, 2010.

(4) Sale of common stock pursuant to reporting owner's 10(b)5-1 plan.

(5) Includes 10,000 shares represented by a performance share award for restricted stock units pursuant to which one third of the shares will be issued to the reporting person on each of May 26, 2012, May 26, 2013 and May 26, 2014, so long as he continues to be employed by the issuer on the vesting dates.

(6) The price represents the weighted average sale price of multiple transactions on the reported date at prices that ranged between \$16.93 and \$17.21. Detailed information regarding this 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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