

Howley Michael G  
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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

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/29/2012

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

VP, Global Sales & Marketing

C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE

(Street)

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

DANVERS, MA 01923

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value   | 05/29/2012                           |  | F <sup>(5)</sup>               | 1,044   | D   | D  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 20.3375  |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 63,740  |  |  |

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  | 7,984                         |
| 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                        |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 22.44   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/22/2013 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/22/2022                     | Common Stock  | 25,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

05/31/2012

\_\_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).
- (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 become exercisable upon the achievement of a certain performance milestone.  
This price represents the weighted average sale price of multiple transactions on the reported date at prices that ranged between \$20.0300 and \$20.9800. 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.
- (5) Sale of common stock pursuant to reporting owner's 10(b)5-1 plan.

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