

Bowen Robert
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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 *
Bowen Robert

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 DR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/26/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

(Street)
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
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	05/26/2011		A	10,000 ⁽⁴⁾	A \$ 0 70,253 ⁽⁵⁾	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) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15.92					12/22/2009 ⁽²⁾ 12/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.86					05/28/2010 ⁽²⁾ 05/28/2019	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.86					03/31/2010 ⁽³⁾ 05/28/2019	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 10.03					06/03/2011 ⁽²⁾ 06/03/2020	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bowen Robert C/O ABIOMED, INC 22 CHERRY HILL DR DANVERS, MA 01923			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Ian W. McLeod (by power of attorney) 05/31/2011

 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 set forth in Table II, Column 6.
- (3) These options became exercisable in full on March 31, 2010.

Represents the grant of 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. In addition, an additional performance share award of up to 14,000 restricted stock units was granted to the reporting person on May 26, 2011 with double trigger vesting pursuant to which 2012 revenue performance will determine whether 0%, 50% or 100% of the underlying restricted stock units are eligible for vesting, at which point half of the units eligible for vesting will vest on May 26, 2013 and the other half of the units eligible for vesting will vest on May 26, 2014.

- (4) 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.
- (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.

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