

Howley Michael G
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FORM 4

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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)
08/12/2009

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	08/12/2009		A	(A) 25,000 (4)	\$ 0 27,500	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)

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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⁾	\$ 5.23					03/05/2009 ⁽²⁾ 03/05/2019	Common Stock	80,000
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.86					05/28/2010 ⁽²⁾ 05/28/2019	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.86					03/31/2010 ⁽³⁾ 05/28/2019	Common Stock	15,000

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) 08/14/2009

**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.

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- (3) These options become exercisable upon the achievement of a certain performance milestone.
- (4) Shares of restricted stock awarded to reporting person under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares vest based upon the achievement of a certain performance milestone.

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