

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/22/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, Global Sales & Marketing

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value   | 05/22/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 5,000<br>(4) \$ 0 64,784  | 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) | 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   | 05/22/2012                           |  | A                              | 25,000  | 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  
C/O ABIOMED, INC.  
22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE  
DANVERS, MA 01923

VP, Global Sales & Marketing

## Signatures

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

05/24/2012

\*\*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.

Represents the grant of a share award for restricted stock units to which one third of the shares will be issued to the reporting person on each of May 22, 2013, May 22, 2014, and May 22, 2015, so long as he continues to be employed by the issuer on the vesting dates. In

(4) In addition, additional performance share awards of up to 12,750 restricted stock units was granted to this reporting person on May 22, 2012 with double trigger vesting pursuant to fiscal 2013 financial performance will determine whether 0%, 33%, 67% 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 22, 2014 and the other half of the units eligible for vesting will vest on May 22, 2015.

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