

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### **BOLT WILLIAM J**

CIK: **1199632**

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### ISSUER

#### **ABIOMED INC**

CIK: **815094** | IRS No.: **042743260** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **0331**  
SIC: **3841** Surgical & medical instruments & apparatus

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>BOLT WILLIAM J</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ABIOMED INC [ABMD]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) <b>SVP, QA and Regulatory Affairs</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>11/04/2011</b>					
C/O ABIOMED, INC., 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	11/04/2011		<u>M</u>		25,000	A \$6.75	119,787 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	11/04/2011		<u>S</u> <sup>(8)</sup>		25,000	D \$18.25	94,787 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$15.563							06/28/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/28/2010	Common Stock		40,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$24.12							06/22/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/22/2011	Common Stock		25,000	D	
Stock Option	\$6.75	11/04/2011		<u>M</u>		25,000		06/25/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/25/2012	Common Stock	\$ 0	0	D	

(right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>														
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$5.11						06/25/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/25/2013	Common Stock	16,000		16,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$12.3						07/01/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/01/2014	Common Stock	18,000		18,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$9.36						06/08/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/08/2015	Common Stock	30,000		30,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$13.57						06/01/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/01/2016	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$11.27						05/30/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/30/2017	Common Stock	8,000		8,000	D	
Stock option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$13.8						05/23/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/23/2018	Common Stock	9,666		9,666	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$5.86						05/28/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/28/2019	Common Stock	50,000		50,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$5.86						03/31/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	05/28/2019	Common Stock	18,000		18,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$10.03						06/03/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/03/2020	Common Stock	30,000		25,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Options were fully exercisable on the date shown.
- Grant to reporting person of this option to buy the number of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 1998 Equity Incentive Plan.
- Grant to reporting person of this option to buy the number of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments, commencing on the date shown in Table II, Column 6.
- Grant to reporting person of this option to buy the number of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
- These options became fully exercisable on March 31, 2010.
- Includes 9,000 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.
- Sale of common stock pursuant to reporting owner's 10(b)5-1 plan.

**Signatures**

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

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

11/07/2011

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned does hereby appoint each of Stephen C. McEvoy, Ian W. McLeod, and Loretta Wedge, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a director or officer of ABIOMED, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this power of attorney has been executed as of the 29th day of May, 2009 and shall remain in full force and effect until withdrawn by the undersigned in writing.

Signature: /s/ William Bolt

Print Name: William Bolt