

Benali Karim  
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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 \*  
Benali Karim

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DANVERS, MA 01923

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ABIOMED INC [ABMD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/01/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP Product Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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   |                                      |  |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)  | 564   | 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) |                           |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 10.53   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 07/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> | 07/15/2014      | Common Stock | 50,000                     |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 10.8  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 03/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/01/2015      | Common Stock | 55,000                     |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 9.36  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 06/08/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 06/08/2015      | Common Stock | 25,000                     |
| Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 13.57   | 06/01/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 30,000   |   | 06/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> | 06/01/2016      | Common Stock | 30,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Benali Karim<br>C/O ABIOMED, INC.<br>22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE<br>DANVERS, MA 01923 |               |           | VP Product Development |       |

## Signatures

Charles B. Haaser (attorney-in-fact)    06/05/2006

\*\*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 shares of Common Stock under ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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(2) These options become exercisable in annual 25% increments commencing on the date shown in Table II, Column 6.

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