

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

**December 14, 2004**

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Ohio

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

0-14902

(Commission File Number)

31-0888197

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

3471 River Hills Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

45244

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(513) 271-3700

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.**

The Registrant previously reported on Form 8-K the dismissal by its Audit Committee of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the principal accountants to audit Meridian's financial statements.

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On December 14, 2004 the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Registrant engaged Grant Thornton LLP as its principal accountants to audit its financial statements.

During the two most recent fiscal years and during the interim period prior to engaging Grant Thornton LLP, neither the Registrant nor anyone on its behalf consulted Grant Thornton LLP regarding either (a) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Registrant's financial statements and no written report or oral advice was provided to the Registrant that Grant Thornton LLP concluded was an important factor considered by the Registrant in reaching a decision as to an accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (b) any matter that was the subject of either a disagreement or a reportable event.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

BY: /s/ Melissa Lueke

Melissa Lueke  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: December 14, 2004