

Cox John
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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 *
 Cox John

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BIOGEN IDEC INC., 133 BOSTON POST ROAD

(Street)

WESTON, MA 02493

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BIOGEN IDEC INC. [BIIB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2012

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)
 EVP Pharmaceutical Oper & Tech

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/23/2012		M	2,600	A \$ 0	15,376.0295	D
Common Stock	02/23/2012		F	1,085	D \$ 116.7	14,291.0295	D
Common Stock	02/24/2012		F	785	D \$ 116.39	13,506.0295	D
Common Stock	02/24/2012		F	793	D \$ 116.39	12,713.0295	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)

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
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	02/23/2012		M	2,600	⁽²⁾ 02/23/2014	Common Stock	2,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cox John BIOGEN IDEC INC. 133 BOSTON POST ROAD WESTON, MA 02493			EVP Pharmaceutical Oper & Tech	

Signatures

Aras Lapinskas, Attorney in Fact for John Cox 02/27/2012

**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) There is no conversion or exercise price for this stock unit.

The number of RSUs reported represents the maximum possible number of shares that are eligible for vesting, which is 150% of the number of shares at target payout. One-fourth of these RSUs are eligible to vest on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date.

(2) The actual number of shares that will vest on each vesting date will be determined by comparing the price of Biogen Idec common stock on such vesting date to the price on the grant date (i.e., number of vested shares = number of shares at target payout times [the average 60 calendar-day closing stock price ending on the vesting date divided by the average 60 calendar-day closing stock price on the grant date]).

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