ROSS BRUCE Form 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

ROSS BRUCE		ting Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIOGEN IDEC INC [BIIB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Chech an applicable)		
14 CAMBRID	OGE CENT	ER	(Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2004	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specibelow)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Se	ecurities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Onor Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and	(A) or	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)
Common Stock	11/19/2004		Code V M	Amount (15,000 A	(D) Price A \$ 31.0833	30,000	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2004		S	15,000 E	\$ 55.91	15,000	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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriv Secu Acqu or Di (D) (Instr	rities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day,	Oate Underlying Secur		Securition
				Code V	and 5	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 31.0833	11/19/2004		M		15,000	(2)	01/03/2010	Common Stock	15,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROSS BRUCE 14 CAMBRIDGE CENTER CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142	X						

Signatures

By: Benjamin S. Harshbarger; For: Bruce R. 11/23/2004 Ross Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Granted under one of the Issuer's stock option plans, in an exempt transaction under SEC rule 16(b)-3(d).
- (2) Immediately exercisable for all the option shares on grant date of 1/3/2000 subject to Issuer's repurchase rights which lapsed on 1/3/2001.

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