

O CONNOR C RODNEY  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**O CONNOR C RODNEY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ATRIX LABORATORIES INC  
 [ATRX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**2579 MIDPOINT DRIVE**  
 (Street)  
**FORT COLLINS, CO 80525**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/19/2004**

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

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	11/19/2004		D		73,000	D	
					<u>11</u>		0

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 11.63	11/19/2004		D		12,000		<u>(2)</u>	05/02/2006	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 9.265	11/19/2004		D		10,000		<u>(3)</u>	11/18/2006	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 9.935	11/19/2004		D		4,000		<u>(4)</u>	04/26/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 9	11/19/2004		D		4,000		<u>(5)</u>	05/09/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 10.125	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(6)</u>	08/07/2010	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 18.25	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(7)</u>	11/21/2010	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 22.375	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(8)</u>	02/01/2011	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 17	11/19/2004		D		4,700		<u>(9)</u>	05/01/2011	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 25.61	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(10)</u>	08/01/2011	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 26.14	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(11)</u>	11/01/2011	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 25.34	11/19/2004		D		8,000		<u>(12)</u>	11/05/2011	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option	\$ 22.99	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(13)</u>	02/01/2012	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 23.19	11/19/2004		D		4,700		<u>(14)</u>	05/01/2012	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Option	\$ 16.46	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(15)</u>	08/01/2012	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 16.52	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(16)</u>	11/18/2012	Common Stock	700
Stock Option	\$ 10.53	11/19/2004		D		700		<u>(17)</u>	02/07/2013	Common Stock	700

Stock Option	\$ 16.47	11/19/2004	D	12,000	(18)	04/28/2013	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 31.34	11/19/2004	D	15,000	(19)	05/03/2014	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O CONNOR C RODNEY 2579 MIDPOINT DRIVE FORT COLLINS, CO 80525		X		

## Signatures

Sarah Watson, Attorney-in-Fact for C. Rodney  
O'Connor

11/23/2004

\_\_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) Disposed of pursuant to merger agreement between issuer and QLT Inc. for 73,000 shares of QLT common stock having a market value of \$15.42 per share as reported on NASDAQ on the effective date of the merger, and \$1,066,530.00 in cash.
  - (2) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 3, 1997, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 22,848 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$6.11 per share.
  - (3) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 18, 1997, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 19,040 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.06 per share.
  - (4) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on April 26, 2000, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 7,616 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.22 per share.
  - (5) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 9, 2001, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 7,616 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$4.73 per share.
  - (6) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on August 7, 2001, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.32 per share.
  - (7) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2001, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$9.59 per share.
  - (8) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$11.76 per share.
  - (9) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 8,948 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.93 per share.
  - (10) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on August 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$13.46 per share.
  - (11) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$13.73 per share.
  - (12) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 5, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 15,232 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$13.31 per share.
  - (13)

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This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$12.08 per share.

- (14) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 1, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 8,949 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$12.18 per share.
- (15) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on August 1, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.65 per share.
- (16) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 18, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.68 per share.
- (17) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on February 7, 2004, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.54 per share.
- (18) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2004, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 22,848 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.65 per share.
- (19) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 3, 2005, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 28,561 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$16.46 per share.

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