

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC
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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 *
BALLISH GREGORY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC [VIVO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/07/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Sales and Marketing

CINCINNATI, OH 45244

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 200 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Buy (Right to Buy Common Stock) | \$ 16.38 | 12/07/2004 | | A | 7,000 | <u>(1)</u> 12/07/2014 | Common Stock | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|---|
| BALLISH GREGORY S 3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE CINCINNATI, OH 45244 | Director 10% Owner Officer VP, Sales and Marketing |

Signatures

Melissa Lueke as Attorney in Fact for Gregory S. Ballish
 12/09/2004
 **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) These non-qualified stock options are granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan and will vest over a three year period commencing at such time as the Company has reported to the public net earnings of \$10,800,000 or greater for fiscal 2005. If net earnings do not reach \$10,800,000 or higher for such year, the options become void. In addition, these stock options are contingent upon shareholder approval of the 2004 Equity Compensation Plan at the Company's 2005 Annual Meeting and will become void in the absence of such approval.

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