ABIOMED INC Form 4 August 15, 2008

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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par value

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SUTTER MARTIN P Issuer Symbol ABIOMED INC [ABMD] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE 08/13/2008 below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DANVERS, MA 01923 Person (State) (City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock, \$.01 D 15,000 par value Essex Woodlands Common Health Stock, \$.01 781.818 I Ventures par value Fund VI, LP (1) Common 1,818,182 I Essex Stock, \$.01 Woodlands Health

Ventures VII, LP (2)

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 orDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 13.91					05/20/2009(4)	05/20/2018	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy) (5)	\$ 18.63	08/13/2008		A	12,000	08/12/2009(6)	08/13/2018	Common Stock	12,000

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting o where remains a remainder	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SUTTER MARTIN P 22 CHERRY HILL DRIVE DANVERS, MA 01923	X					
Signatures						
/s/ Daniel J Sutherby (by powe attorney)	r of	f 08/15/2008				

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Date

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- * 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).
 - These securities are held by Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund VI, L.P.. Mr. Sutter is a manager director of the general partner of the general part of the partnership that owns the reported securities. As a managing director of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures, Mr.
- (1) Sutter shares voting and investment powers for Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund VI, L.P.. Mr. Sutter and the Essex Woodlands Health Ventures entities disclaim beneficial ownership of all such securities except to the extent of their proportionate pecuniary interest therein.
 - These securities are held by Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund VII, L.P.. Mr. Sutter is a manager director of the general partner of the general part of the partnership that owns the reported securities. As a managing director of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures, Mr.
- (2) Sutter shares voting and investment powers for Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund VII, L.P.. Mr. Sutter and the Essex Woodlands Health Ventures entities disclaim beneficial ownership of all such securities except to the extent of their proportionate pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Grant to reporting person to buy shares of Common Stock under ABIOMED, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) These options become exercisable in annual 20% increments commencing on the date shown in Table II, Column 6.
- (5) Grant to reporting person of option to buy the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in Table II, Column 7, under the ABIOMED, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (6) This option becomes exercisable in full on the date set forth in Table II, Column 6.

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