

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC

Form 4

December 09, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EBERLY RICHARD

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
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Ex. VP, Gen Mgr. Mer. Life Sci

CINCINNATI, OH 45244

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock			Code	V Amount (D) Price	100	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. Deemed Exercise Price (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EBERLY RICHARD 3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE CINCINNATI, OH 45244			Ex. VP, Gen Mgr. Mer. Life Sci	

Signatures

Melissa Lueke, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard Eberly

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).

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

- (1) 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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