

GILEAD SCIENCES INC
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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 *
BISCHOFBERGER NORBERT W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

333 LAKESIDE DRIVE

(Street)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

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

05/17/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP, Research

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/17/2006		M		100,000 A \$ 16.4375	618,581	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S		12,500 D \$ 55.75	606,081	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S		15,000 D \$ 55.67	591,081	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S		5,000 D \$ 55.65	586,081	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S		7,500 D \$ 55.645	578,581	D

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Common Stock	05/17/2006	S	7,500	D	\$ 55.63	571,081	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006	S	7,500	D	\$ 55.616	563,581	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006	S	20,000	D	\$ 55.6046	543,581	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006	S	25,000	D	\$ 55.55	518,581	D	
Common Stock						800	I	by Daughter
Common Stock						800	I	by Son
Common Stock						89,822	I	by Trust

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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.4375	05/17/2006		M	100,000	<u>(1)</u> 01/29/2012	Common Stock	10	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BISCHOFBERGER NORBERT W 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404			EVP, Research	

Signatures

/s/ Norbert W.
Bischofberger

05/17/2006

__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) Options vest 20% on 1/30/03, the first anniversary date of of the grant, and the remaining balance will vest quarterly over the next four years. The option will be fully vested on 1/30/07.

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