

ABIOMED INC  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**Date of Report: December 20, 2010**  
**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**ABIOMED, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-20584

(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

(Commission File Number)

22 Cherry Hill Drive

Danvers, MA 01923

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(978) 646-1400

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 6, 2010, we issued a press release reporting the interim results of our Impella Protect II trial. Subsequent to that date, we identified an error in a p-value originally reported to us by the reporting academic research organization. A p-value of p=0.11 was reported for a subgroup representing 88% of patients (patients without atherectomy (n=267)). The correct p-value is p=0.06. A corrected table of the interim results of the trial is set forth below.

**PROTECT II Per Protocol Patients With and Without Atherectomy**

<b>Patients</b>	<b>% Interim Study Population</b>	<b>Impella Major Adverse Event Rate</b>	<b>IAB Major Adverse Event Rate</b>	<b>p value</b>
<b>(Interim: 305 patients)</b>				
All patients (n=305, at 30 days)	100%	38%	43%	p=0.40
Patients without atherectomy (n=267)	88%	32%	43%	p=0.06
Patients with atherectomy (n=38)* (Impella n=25, IAB n=13, p=0.04)	12%	72%	46%	p=0.12

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Abiomed, Inc.

By: /s/ **MICHAEL R. MINOGUE**  
**Michael R. Minogue**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**

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