

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 *
DENNY JAMES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
333 LAKESIDE DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/12/2004

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

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/12/2004		M		40,000	A	\$ 4
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S ⁽²⁾		1,000	D	\$ 37.09
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S		4,000	D	\$ 37.06
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S		5,000	D	\$ 36.95
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S		5,000	D	\$ 36.7
	11/12/2004		S		5,000	D	20,000

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Common Stock					\$			
					36.71			
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	5,000	D	\$	15,000	D
						36.81		
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	5,000	D	\$	10,000	D
						36.9		

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4	11/12/2004		M	40,000	04/02/1996 ⁽³⁾ 01/01/2006	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DENNY JAMES M 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404		X		

Signatures

/s/ Gregg P. Alton, by Power of Attorney for James M. Denny

11/15/2004

__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) All share and dollar amounts have been adjusted for the stock split that was effected on September 3, 2004 benefitting all shareholders as of August 12, 2004.
- (2) The sale transaction reported in this Form 4 is made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan established by Mr. Denny on August 17, 2004.
- (3) Options vested quarterly over a period of five years beginning the January 2, 1996, the date the option was granted. The option was fully vested on January 2, 2001.

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