

BISCHOFBERGER NORBERT W
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FORM 4

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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)
 08/17/2005

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/17/2005		M		13,704	A	\$ 7.2969
Common Stock	08/17/2005		M		110,000	A	\$ 7.3985
Common Stock	08/17/2005		S		20,000	D	\$ 42.22
Common Stock	08/17/2005		S		30,000	D	\$ 42.12
Common Stock	08/17/2005		S		10,000	D	\$ 42.11

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Common Stock	08/17/2005	S	50,000	D	\$ 42.1	491,573	D	
Common Stock						800	I	by Daughter
Common Stock						800	I	by Son
Common Stock						92,322	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
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.2969	08/17/2005		M	13,704	<u>(2)</u>	07/21/2009	Common Stock	13
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.3985	08/17/2005		M	110,000	<u>(3)</u>	01/17/2011	Common Stock	11

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/ Matthew K. Au as power of attorney for Norbert W. Bischofberger

08/18/2005

__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) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Table 1, Col. 5) includes 719 shares acquired on 6/30/05 under the Gilead Sciences, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Options vested 20% on 7/22/2000, the first anniversary date of the grant, and the remaining balance vested quarterly over the next four years. The option was fully vested as of 7/22/04.
- (3) Options vested 20% on 1/18/02, the first anniversary date of the grant, and the remaining balance vests quarterly over the next four years. The option will be fully vested by 1/18/06.

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