GILEAD SCIENCES INC

Form 4

November 16, 2004

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DENNY JAMES M**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

333 LAKESIDE DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year)

11/12/2004

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 ction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(mou. 1)	
Common Stock	11/12/2004		M	40,000	A	\$ 4	40,000 (1)	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S(2)	1,000	D	\$ 37.09	39,000	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	4,000	D	\$ 37.06	35,000	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	5,000	D	\$ 36.95	30,000	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	5,000	D	\$ 36.7	25,000	D	
	11/12/2004		S	5,000	D		20,000	D	

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

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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 or 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 Ar Underlying Se (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

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
X			
f Attorney	y for James N	M.	
			11/15/2004
	X	X	

**Signature of Reporting Person

Relationships

Reporting Owners 2

Date

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- * 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.
- 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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