

GILEAD SCIENCES INC
 Form 4
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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)
05/10/2005

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2005 | | M | | 20,000 A \$ 4 | 35,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 D \$ 38.6347 | 33,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2005 | | S | | 2,000 D \$ 38.84 | 31,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2005 | | S | | 2,000 D \$ 38.78 | 29,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2005 | | S | | 3,000 D \$ 38.9621 | 26,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2005 | | S | | 2,000 D \$ 38.66 | 24,000 | D |

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Common
Stock

Common Stock 05/10/2005 S 4,000 D \$ 38.6069 20,000 D

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 a Underlyi (Instr. 3 a | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|------------|-----|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4 | 05/10/2005 | | M | 20,000 | 04/02/1996 ⁽²⁾ | 01/01/2006 | Comm Stock | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 38.87 | 05/10/2005 | | A | 33,750 | 05/10/2005 | 05/10/2015 | Comm 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/ James M. Denny 05/11/2005

**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) The sale transactions reported in this Form 4 are made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan established by Mr. Denny on August 17, 2004.
- (2) 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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