

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE 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 \*  
**MOTTO WILLIAM J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC [VIVO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**MERIDIAN DIAGNOSTICS INC, 3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/10/2004**

**CINCINNATI, OH 45244**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	2,500	D \$ 17.4	972,475	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	2,500	D \$ 17.5	969,975	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	3,500	D \$ 17.35	966,475	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	2,000	D \$ 17.45	964,475	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	20,000	D \$ 18.13	944,475	D

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Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	5,000	D	\$ 18	939,475	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	2,500	D	\$ 18.05	936,975	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	2,500	D	\$ 18.08	934,475	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	2,500	D	\$ 18.15	931,975	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	5,000	D	\$ 18.2	926,975	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	37,500	D	\$ 18.5	889,475	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	7,500	D	\$ 18.55	881,975	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	2,500	D	\$ 18.6	879,475	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	1,500	D	\$ 18.65	877,975	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	2,500	D	\$ 18.7	875,475	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	10,000	D	\$ 18.75	865,475	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004	S	2,500	D	\$ 18.85	862,975	D	
Common Stock						2,767,171	I	By partnership <u>(1)</u>

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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu
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(Instr. 3,  
4, and 5)

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Code V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOTTO WILLIAM J MERIDIAN DIAGNOSTICS INC 3471 RIVER HILLS DRIVE CINCINNATI, OH 45244	X	X	Chairman, CEO	

## Signatures

Melissa Lueke, Attorney-in-Fact for William J. Motto  
12/14/2004

\_\_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).

The sole general partner of this limited partnership, Motto Vivo Family Limited Partnership, is Motto Management, LLC, which holds 1% of the Limited Partnership. (The 100% owner of Motto Management, LLC is William J. Motto and David H. Motto, Trustees under (1) the William J. Motto Revocable Trust.) The only other limited partner is William J. Motto and David H. Motto, Trustees under the William J. Motto Revocable Trust. Mr. Motto disclaims beneficial ownership of Meridian's common stock held by the Limited Partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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