

BIO RAD LABORATORIES 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 \*  
 SCHWARTZ DAVID

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BIO RAD LABORATORIES INC  
 [BIO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE

(Street)

HERCULES, CA 94547

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/23/2005

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman of the Board

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock          | 02/23/2005                           |  | G                              |   | 860 D \$ 48.73  | D  |   |
| Bio-Rad B Common Stock          | 02/23/2005                           |  | G                              |   | 2,640 D \$ 48.5   | D  |   |
| Bio-Rad B Common Stock          | 02/24/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 65,930 A \$ 12.96   | D  |   |
| Bio-Rad A Common                |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | by Trust  |

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Stock

|                              |           |   |                                      |
|------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Bio-Rad B<br>Common<br>Stock | 4,060,054 | I | Limited<br>Partnership<br><u>(1)</u> |
| Bio-Rad B<br>Common<br>Stock | 41,176    | I | by<br>Partnership<br><u>(2)</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) (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 Amount or Number of S                                 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 12.96   | 02/24/2005                           |  | M                              | 65,930  | 02/07/1997 02/07/2006                                    | Bio-Rad B Common Stock 65                                   |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 31.77   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2003 02/06/2007                                    | Bio-Rad B Common Stock 10                                   |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 39.6  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/05/2004 02/05/2008                                    | Bio-Rad B Common Stock 2,                                   |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 58.85   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/04/2005 02/04/2009                                    | Bio-Rad B Common Stock 1,                                   |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 62.04   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/09/2006 02/09/2010                                    | Bio-Rad B Common 1,   |

|   |          |            |            |  | Stock                           |    |
|---|----------|------------|------------|--|---------------------------------|----|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 11.31 | 02/02/2001 | 02/02/2010 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 66 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 11.94 | 09/19/2001 | 09/19/2010 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 72 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 11.97 | 02/11/1999 | 02/11/2008 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 63 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 15.82 | 02/05/1998 | 02/05/2007 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 64 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 28.88 | 02/06/2003 | 02/06/2012 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 54 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 36    | 02/05/2004 | 02/05/2013 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 7, |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 53.5  | 02/04/2005 | 02/04/2014 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 8, |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 56.4  | 02/09/2006 | 02/09/2015 |  | Bio-Rad<br>B<br>Common<br>Stock | 8, |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| SCHWARTZ DAVID<br>1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE<br>HERCULES, CA 94547 | X             | X         | Chairman of the Board |       |

## Signatures

David Schwartz

02/28/2005

\*\*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 shares are held by a limited partnership of which the reporting person is a general partner.
- (2) The shares are held by a limited partnership of which the reporting person is a limited and general partner.

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