

ABIOMED INC  
Form 8-K  
July 31, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report: July 30, 2009**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**ABIOMED, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other Jurisdiction of**

**Incorporation)**

**04-2743260**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification Number)**

**0-20584**

**(Commission File Number)**

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**22 Cherry Hill Drive**

**Danvers, MA 01923**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)**

**(978) 777-5410**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Following its review of the recent RiskMetrics Group analysis of the proposals to be submitted to stockholders at our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, on July 30, 2009, our Board of Directors approved an amendment to our 2008 Stock Incentive Plan to reduce the proposed increase in the number of shares subject to the 2008 Stock Incentive Plan from 1,800,000 to 1,600,000. The proposed 1,600,000 share increase will reduce the potential dilutive impact of the 2008 Stock Incentive Plan on other stockholders as compared to the originally proposed 1,800,000 share increase. The 2008 Stock Incentive Plan, as so amended, remains subject to stockholder approval at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ABIOMED, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert L. Bowen  
Robert L. Bowen  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 30, 2009