

GILEAD SCIENCES INC
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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 *
BISCHOFBERGER NORBERT W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**GILEAD SCIENCES, INC., 333
 LAKESIDE DRIVE**

(Street)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

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

11/07/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

EVP, R&D and CSO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/07/2008		M	V Amount (A) or (D)	\$ 15.265 1,226,525	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2008		S	V Amount (A) or (D)	\$ 45.1022 1,076,525	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2008		S	V Amount (A) or (D)	\$ 44.75 49,394	I	Trust
Common Stock					1,600	I	Daughter
Common Stock					1,600	I	Son

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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	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.265	11/07/2008		M	150,000	<u>(3)</u>	01/28/2014	Common Stock	15

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BISCHOFBERGER NORBERT W GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404			EVP, R&D and CSO	

Signatures

/s/ Norbert W. Bischofberger 11/10/2008

**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) Sale prices reported here range from \$45.00 to \$45.245. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.
- (2) Sale prices reported here range from \$44.61 to \$44.93. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.
- (3) The options have a five year vesting schedule. 20% of the options vested on January 28, 2005, the first anniversary date of the grant. The balance will vest 5% every three months thereafter until fully vested on January 28, 2009.

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