

BIOGEN IDEC INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 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 (Date of earliest event reported): March 12, 2009**

**Biogen Idec Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-19311**  
(Commission  
file number)

**33-0112644**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**14 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**02142**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(617) 679-2000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On March 12, 2009, Biogen Idec Inc. (the Company ) announced that Cecil B. Pickett, Ph.D., President, Research and Development, will retire from this position. The Company has initiated a search for a successor that will consider internal and external candidates. Dr. Pickett will continue to head Research and Development until his successor is appointed. He will remain on the Company s Board of Directors after he steps down from his executive position.

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**Biogen Idec Inc.**

By: /s/ Robert A. Licht  
Robert A. Licht  
Senior Vice President and Assistant  
Secretary

Date: March 12, 2009