

WADLER SANFORD  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
WADLER SANFORD

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES,  
INC., 1000 ALFRED NOBEL  
DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2011

HERCULES, CA 94547

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock          | 12/14/2011                           |  | M                              | 1,000   | A \$ 62.47  | 12,936   | D                                 |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock          | 12/14/2011                           |  | M                              | 600   | A \$ 75.32  | 13,536   | D                                 |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock          | 12/14/2011                           |  | M                              | 1,200   | A \$ 74.27  | 14,736   | D                                 |

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|                              |            |   |       |   |                    |        |   |
|------------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|--------------------|--------|---|
| Bio-Rad A<br>Common<br>Stock | 12/14/2011 | S | 1,000 | D | \$<br>89.05<br>(4) | 13,736 | D |
| Bio-Rad A<br>Common<br>Stock | 12/14/2011 | S | 600   | D | \$<br>89.05<br>(4) | 13,136 | D |
| Bio-Rad A<br>Common<br>Stock | 12/14/2011 | S | 1,200 | D | \$<br>89.05<br>(4) | 11,936 | D |

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 Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 62.47   | 12/14/2011                           |  | M                              | 1,000   | (1) 04/03/2016   | Bio-Rad A Common Stock                                      | 1,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 75.32   | 12/14/2011                           |  | M                              | 600   | (2) 08/01/2017   | Bio-Rad A Common Stock                                      | 600                        |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 74.27   | 12/14/2011                           |  | M                              | 1,200   | (3) 06/10/2019   | Bio-Rad A Common Stock                                      | 1,200                      |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

WADLER SANFORD  
C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.  
1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE  
HERCULES, CA 94547

VP, General Counsel, Secretary

## Signatures

Sanford Wadler

12/16/2011

\*\*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 stock option vested in five equal annual installments beginning on April 3, 2007
- (2) The stock option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on August 1, 2008
- (3) The stock option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on June 10, 2010

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$89.00 to \$89.16, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., any security holder of Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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