

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, BIO.B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/23/2008

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

C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC., 1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE

(Street)

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

HERCULES, CA 94547

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock | | | | | 2,033,182 | D | |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock | | | | | 34,311 | I | By Trust |
| Bio-Rad A Common Stock | | | | | 1,140,000 | I | By GRAT |

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|------------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|-----------|---|--|
| Bio-Rad B Common Stock | 10/23/2008 | M | 66,662 | A | \$ 11.31 | 394,100 | D | |
| Bio-Rad B Common Stock | | | | | | 4,060,054 | I | By Blue Raven Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾ |
| Bio-Rad B Common Stock | | | | | | 41,176 | I | By DANSA Partners Limited ⁽²⁾ |

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 | Am or Nur of S |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.31 | 10/23/2008 | | M | 66,662 | 02/02/2001 02/02/2010 | Bio-Rad B Common Stock | 66 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHWARTZ DAVID C/O BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC. 1000 ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE HERCULES, CA 94547 | X | X | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

David Schwartz

10/24/2008

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

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