

Cotton Michael Lester
 Form 4
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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 *
 Cotton Michael Lester

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALERE INC. [ALR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3200 WINDY HILL ROAD, SUITE B-100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/07/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 CEO, Alere Health

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30339

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 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			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.43	02/07/2013			A		3,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2022	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cotton Michael Lester 3200 WINDY HILL ROAD SUITE B-100 ATLANTA, GA 30339			CEO, Alere Health	

Signatures

/s/ Jay McNamara,
attorney-in-fact

02/11/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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On February 29, 2012, the reporting person was granted a performance stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock. Based

(1) on achievement of certain performance conditions, as of February 7, 2013, 3,000 of the options vested and will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 2/28/2013 through 2/29/2016.

(2) This derivative security does not have a price.

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