

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, DC 20549

FORM 5

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Nickel Jeffrey

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

935 Pardee Street

 (Street)

Berkeley CA 94710

 (City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BioTime (BTX)

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3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

12/01

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

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

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
 or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	Price			
Common Shares, no par value					45,000*	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly

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

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Exer- tion cisable Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
Option to Purchase Common Shares	\$12.57				4/29/99 4/28/04	Common Shares 10,000	N/A	10,000	D	
Option to Purchase Common Shares	\$10.33				4/2/99 4/1/02	Common Shares 15,000	N/A	15,000	D	
Option to Purchase Common Shares	\$11.50				3/31/00 3/30/05	Common Shares 10,000	N/A	10,000	D	
Option to Purchase Common Shares	\$7.25				3/26/01 3/15/06	Common Shares 10,000	N/A	10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

* Includes 45,000 shares that Dr. Nickel may acquire through the exercise of stock options.

s/Jeffrey Nickel

February 11, 2002

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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