

O CONNOR C RODNEY
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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 *
O CONNOR C RODNEY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**ATRIX LABORATORIES INC
 [ATRX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2579 MIDPOINT DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/19/2004

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

FORT COLLINS, CO 80525
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 73,000 | D | 0 |

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)

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| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 11.63 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 12,000 | | <u>(2)</u> | 05/02/2006 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 9.265 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 10,000 | | <u>(3)</u> | 11/18/2006 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 9.935 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 4,000 | | <u>(4)</u> | 04/26/2009 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 9 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 4,000 | | <u>(5)</u> | 05/09/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 10.125 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(6)</u> | 08/07/2010 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 18.25 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(7)</u> | 11/21/2010 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 22.375 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(8)</u> | 02/01/2011 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 17 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 4,700 | | <u>(9)</u> | 05/01/2011 | Common Stock | 4,700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 25.61 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(10)</u> | 08/01/2011 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 26.14 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(11)</u> | 11/01/2011 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 25.34 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 8,000 | | <u>(12)</u> | 11/05/2011 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 22.99 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(13)</u> | 02/01/2012 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 23.19 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 4,700 | | <u>(14)</u> | 05/01/2012 | Common Stock | 4,700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 16.46 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(15)</u> | 08/01/2012 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 16.52 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(16)</u> | 11/18/2012 | Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option | \$ 10.53 | 11/19/2004 | | D | | 700 | | <u>(17)</u> | 02/07/2013 | Common Stock | 700 |

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| Stock Option | \$ 16.47 | 11/19/2004 | D | 12,000 | (18) | 04/28/2013 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 31.34 | 11/19/2004 | D | 15,000 | (19) | 05/03/2014 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| O CONNOR C RODNEY 2579 MIDPOINT DRIVE FORT COLLINS, CO 80525 | | X | | |

Signatures

Sarah Watson, Attorney-in-Fact for C. Rodney
O'Connor

11/23/2004

__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) Disposed of pursuant to merger agreement between issuer and QLT Inc. for 73,000 shares of QLT common stock having a market value of \$15.42 per share as reported on NASDAQ on the effective date of the merger, and \$1,066,530.00 in cash.
 - (2) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 3, 1997, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 22,848 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$6.11 per share.
 - (3) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 18, 1997, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 19,040 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.06 per share.
 - (4) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on April 26, 2000, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 7,616 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.22 per share.
 - (5) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 9, 2001, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 7,616 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$4.73 per share.
 - (6) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on August 7, 2001, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.32 per share.
 - (7) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2001, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$9.59 per share.
 - (8) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$11.76 per share.
 - (9) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 8,948 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.93 per share.
 - (10) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on August 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$13.46 per share.
 - (11) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 1, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$13.73 per share.
 - (12) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 5, 2002, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 15,232 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$13.31 per share.
 - (13)

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This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$12.08 per share.

- (14) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 1, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 8,949 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$12.18 per share.
- (15) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on August 1, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.65 per share.
- (16) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on November 18, 2003, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.68 per share.
- (17) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on February 7, 2004, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 1,332 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$5.54 per share.
- (18) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2004, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 22,848 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$8.65 per share.
- (19) This option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on May 3, 2005, was assumed by QLT Inc. in the merger and replaced with a fully vested option to purchase 28,561 shares of QLT Inc. common stock for \$16.46 per share.

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