

BIOGEN IDEC INC  
Form 8-K  
August 11, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report:  
**August 9, 2005****

(Date of earliest event reported)  
**Biogen Idec Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b>                                      | <b>0-19311</b>        | <b>33-0112644</b>                 |
| (State or other<br>Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

**14 Cambridge Center  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)  
**(617) 679-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  
**Not Applicable**

Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.**

On August 9, 2005, Biogen Idec Inc. publicly disseminated a press release announcing an update of its safety evaluation of TYSABRI® (natalizumab). The information contained in the press release is incorporated herein by reference and filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) *Exhibits*

**Exhibit**

**Number**

**Description of Exhibit**

99.1 Press Release, dated August 9, 2005, issued by Biogen Idec Inc. and Elan Corporation, plc

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BIOGEN IDEC INC.

By: /s/ Raymond G. Arner

Date: August 11, 2005

Name: Raymond G. Arner

Title: Acting General Counsel

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