

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 MERTON ROBERT C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VICAL INC [VICL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)																													
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2005			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person																													
10390 PACIFIC CENTER COURT			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)																																
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92121-4340			(City) (State) (Zip)			<table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="7">Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</th> </tr> <tr> <th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th> <th>2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th> <th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th> <th colspan="2">3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th> <th colspan="2">4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th> <th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th> <th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th> <th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Code</td> <td>V</td> <td>Amount</td> <td>(A) or (D)</td> <td>Price</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						
Nonstatutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.65	05/19/2005		A	12,500		05/19/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/18/2015	Common Stock, \$.01 par value	12,500	\$ 0	12,500	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERTON ROBERT C 10390 PACIFIC CENTER COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121-4340	X			

## Signatures

LYNNE M. GOLDACKER  05/19/2005  
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 date in this field is approximate. These options are exercisable at the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. The date of the meeting has not been set, but is expected to occur in May 2006.

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Power of Attorney

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL BY THESE PRESENT:

WHEREAS, Vical Incorporated (the "Company") has registered a class of its equity securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and may effect sales of its securities from time

WHEREAS, the undersigned is and may be from time to time hereafter an officer or director of the Company, and as such may be required or permitted by either Act to execute or file reports, statem

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Jill M. Church, Robin M. Jackman and Lynne M. Goldacker, or any of them, his attorney for him and in his name, place and stead, to

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his name this 2nd day of December, 2004.

/s/ Robert C. Merton

Signature