

ATRIX LABORATORIES INC
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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 *
BETHUNE DAVID R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ATRIX LABORATORIES,
 INC., 2579 MIDPOINT DRIVE**

(Street)

FORT COLLINS, CO 80525

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
11/05/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value	11/05/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		10,000	A	\$ 9.75
					156,477		
Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value	11/05/2004		S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$ 31.01
					146,477		

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$ 9.75	11/05/2004		M ⁽¹⁾	10,000	06/02/2001 06/02/2010	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BETHUNE DAVID R ATRIX LABORATORIES, INC. 2579 MIDPOINT DRIVE FORT COLLINS, CO 80525	X		CEO/Chairman	

Signatures

Sarah Watson, Power of Attorney
11/08/2004

__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) The stock option exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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