

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 07, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 15)\*

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

589584 10 1

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(CUSIP Number)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
WILLIAM J. MOTTO  
196-30-3018

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
United States of America

|  |   |                          |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|
|  | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER        |  |
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES  |   | 4,213,792                |  |
| BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |  |
|  |   | 62,722                   |  |
|  | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |  |
|  |   | 4,213,792                |  |
|  | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |  |
|  |   | 62,722                   |  |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
4,276,514

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
  
29.2%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
IN

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\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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- ITEM 1(a) Name of Issuer: Meridian Bioscience, Inc.
- 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office:  
3471 River Hills Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244
- 2(a) Name of Persons Filing: William J. Motto
- 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:  
3471 River Hills Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244
- 2(c) Citizenship: U.S.A.
- 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, No Par Value
- 2(e) CUSIP No.: 589584 10 1
3. If this Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b), check whether the Person Filing is a: N/A
4. Ownership:  
(a) See Item 9 of cover page.  
(b) See Item 11 of cover page.  
(c) See Items 5-8 of cover page.
- This Amendment No. 15 to Schedule 13G is filed solely by William J. Motto. The original Schedule 13G and all amendments prior to Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13G were filed by William J. Motto and Jerry L. Ruyan on the same Schedule 13G.
- The shares in Items 5, 7 and 9 include options for 25,000 shares that are exercisable within 60 days and 60,646 shares held by Mr. Motto as trustee of the William J. Motto Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The number of shares shown in Items 6, 8, and 9 for Mr. Motto includes 62,722 shares held by his children as trustees of certain irrevocable trusts.
5. Ownership of 5% or less of class: N/A

6. Ownership of more than 5% on behalf of another person : N/A
7. Identification and classification of the subsidiary which acquired the security being reported by the parent holding company: N/A
8. Identification and classification of members of the group: N/A
9. Notice of dissolution of group: N/A
10. Certification: N/A

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 6, 2002

Date

/s/ William J. Motto

Signature

William J. Motto

Name/Title