

ZWANZIGER RON  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ZWANZIGER RON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALERE INC. [ALR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, CEO & President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

WALTHAM, MA 02453

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/19/2011	Â	G	20,000	D	\$ (1)	253,500	I	I	See Footnote (7)
Common Stock	12/19/2011	Â	G	20,000	A	\$ (1)	29,450	I	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	525,859	D	Â	
	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,806,696	I		

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Common Stock										See Footnote (3)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,600	I		See Footnote (4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	191,830	I		See Footnote (5)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	488,991	I		See Footnote (6)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	224,276	I		See Footnote (8)

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. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZWANZIGER RON 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200 WALTHAM, MA 02453	Â X	Â	Â Chairman, CEO & President	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Ron  
Zwanziger

02/13/2012

\_\_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) 20,000 shares of Common Stock were transferred by gift from The Ron Zwanziger 2004 Revocable Trust to a private charitable foundation where the reporting person and the reporting person's spouse along with three others serve as directors of the board.  
  
These securities are owned by a private charitable foundation where the reporting person and the reporting person's spouse along with three others serve as directors on the board. The reporting person and his spouse have recused themselves from any discussion or consideration of the charitable foundation's disposition of these securities.
- (2) These securities are owned by Zwanziger Family Ventures, LLC, an LLC managed by the reporting person and the reporting person's spouse.
- (3) These securities are owned by the reporting person's spouse.
- (4) These securities are owned by The Zwanziger Family Trust for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The reporting person's sister is the trustee.
- (5) These securities are owned by The Zwanziger 2009 Annuity Trust for which the reporting person is the trustee.
- (6) These securities are owned by The Ron Zwanziger 2004 Revocable Trust for which the reporting person is the trustee.
- (7) These securities are owned by The Zwanziger Family 2004 Irrevocable Trust. The reporting person's sister is the trustee.
- (8)

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