CIPHERGEN BIOSYSTEMS INC Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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SCHEDULE 13G

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 5)*

Ciphergen Biosystems, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

17252Y 104

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- ý Rule 13d-1(d)

^{*}The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 17252Y 10 4

1.	Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) William E. Rich		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if (a) (b)	a Member of a Group (See o o	Instructions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States of America		
	5.		Sole Voting Power 1,396,618
Number of Shares Beneficially	6.		Shared Voting Power 0
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
reison with	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 1,396,618
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,396,618		
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 4.7%		
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See William E. Rich - IN	Instructions)	
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Item 1.					
	(a)	Name of Issuer			
		Ciphergen Biosystems, Inc.			
	(b)	Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices			
		6611 Dumbarton Circle, Fremont, CA 94555			
Item 2.					
	(a)	Name of Person Filing			
	4.5	William E. Rich			
	(b)	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence			
			Ciphergen Biosystems, Inc., 6611 Dumbarton Circle, Fremont, CA 94555		
	(c)	Citizenship			
	(1)	United States of America			
	(d)		Title of Class of Securities		
	()	Common Stock			
	(e)		CUSIP Number		
		17252Y 10 4			
Item 3.	If this stateme	nt is filed nursuant to 88240 13	d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:		
item 5.		nt is filed pursuant to \$5240.15	Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C.		
	(a)	О	780).		
	(b)	O	Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).		
	(a)		Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15		
	(c)	О	U.S.C. 78c).		
	(d)	o	Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment		
			Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).		
	(e)	o	An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);		
	(f)	o	An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with		
			§240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);		
	(g)	0	A parent holding company or control person in accordance with		
			§ 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);		
	(h)	0	A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal		
			Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);		
	(i)	О	A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment		
			company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of		
			1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);		
	(j)	0	Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).		
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Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

1,396,618

(b) Percent of class:

4.7%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

1,396,618

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

1,396,618

Instruction. For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security, *see* §240.13d-3(d)(1).

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following \circ y.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent

Holding Company or Control Person

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

Not Applicable

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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 14, 2005 Date

/s/ William E. Rich Signature

William E. Rich Name/Title

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative s authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

NOTE: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* §240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

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