SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A/A

Amendment No. 1 To Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated March 12, 2003

> For Registration of Certain Classes of Securities Pursuant to Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

BOSTON BIOMEDICA, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant a	as Specified in its Charter)
Massachusetts (State of Incorporation or Organization)	04-2652826 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
(State of Incorporation of Organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
375 West Street, West I (Address of principal exe	Bridgewater, MA 02379 cutive offices) (Zip Code)
f this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. \Box	Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to
If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.	Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to
Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form rel	ates: (if applicable)
Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:	
Title of Each Class To Be So Registered	Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class Is To Be Registered
Title of Each Class	
Title of Each Class To Be So Registered None	Each Class Is To Be Registered
Title of Each Class To Be So Registered None	None
None Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:	None
Title of Each Class To Be So Registered None Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:	None Purchase Rights
Title of Each Class To Be So Registered None Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Preferred Share I	None Purchase Rights

Reference is made to the description of the Preferred Share Purchase Rights contained in the Registrant's Form 8-A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on March 12, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Rights Agreement between the Registrant and Computershare Trust Company, as Rights Agent, 4.01 dated as of February 27, 2003 (Filed as Exhibit 4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 12, 2003).*

- 4.02 Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated as of April 16, 2004 (Filed as Exhibit 4 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed with the Commission on April 16, 2004).*
- * Not filed herewith. In accordance with Rule 12b-32 promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, reference is made to the documents previously filed with the Commission, which are incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 16, 2004 BOSTON BIOMEDICA, INC.

By: /s/ KEVIN W. QUINLAN

Kevin W. Quinlan President, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer

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<u>Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.</u>
<u>Item 2. Exhibits.</u>

SIGNATURE