

NOVARTIS AG  
Form 6-K  
March 09, 2010

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Report on Form 6-K dated March 9, 2010**

**(Commission File No. 1-15024)**

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**Novartis AG**

(Name of Registrant)

**Lichtstrasse 35**

**4056 Basel**

**Switzerland**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes:  **No:**

THIS REPORT ON FORM 6-K SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROSPECTUS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM F-3 (FILE NO. 333-153696) OF NOVARTIS AG, NOVARTIS CAPITAL CORPORATION, NOVARTIS SECURITIES INVESTMENT LTD. AND NOVARTIS FINANCE S.A. AND TO BE A PART THEREOF FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED, TO THE EXTENT NOT SUPERSEDED BY DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS SUBSEQUENTLY FILED OR FURNISHED.

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Novartis AG, Novartis Capital Corporation, Novartis Securities Investment Ltd. and Novartis Finance S.A. hereby incorporate by reference the following exhibit to this report of Form 6-K into their Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-153696).

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description of Document</b>                                 |
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| 12.1               | Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**Novartis AG**

Date: March 9, 2010

By: /s/ Malcolm B. Cheetham  
Name: Malcolm B. Cheetham  
Title: Head Group Financial  
Reporting and Accounting