

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Forrest A. David

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD

(Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/10/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common shares without par value	12/10/2012		M		5,700	A	\$ 52.54
Common shares without par value	12/10/2012		M		6,200	A	\$ 55.56
Common shares without par value	12/10/2012		M		9,568	A	\$ 51.74
							40,715
							46,915
							56,483
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Common shares without par value	12/10/2012	M	13,867	A	\$ 46.6	70,350	D
Common shares without par value	12/10/2012	S	47,286	D	\$ 65.1	23,064	D

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 52.54	12/10/2012		M	5,700	02/16/2010 02/15/2017	Common shares 5,700
Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 55.56	12/10/2012		M	6,200	02/15/2011 02/14/2018	Common shares 6,200
Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 51.74	12/10/2012		M	9,568	09/17/2012 09/16/2020	Common shares 9,568
Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 46.6	12/10/2012		M	13,867	02/18/2012 02/17/2021	Common shares 13,867

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Forrest A. David  
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD  
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for A. David  
Forrest

12/12/2012

\_\_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) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2009 Incentive Stock Program, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

### Remarks:

These transactions were made pursuant to a previously adopted plan complying with Rule 10b5-1(c).

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