

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
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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 *
Schumacher Laura J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD
(Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/20/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common shares without par value	08/20/2008		M		8,515	A	\$ 45.4488
Common shares without par value	08/20/2008		M		1,213	A	\$ 46.19
Common shares without par value	08/20/2008		F		8,395	D	\$ 58.86

Common shares without par value	5,114 ⁽¹⁾	I	Profit Sharing Trust
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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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 45.4488	08/20/2008		M	8,515	02/09/2004 02/08/2011		Common shares	8,515
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 46.19	08/20/2008		M	1,213	06/18/2005 02/10/2010		Common shares	1,213
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 58.86	08/20/2008		A	7,340	02/21/2009 02/08/2011		Common shares	7,340
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 58.86	08/20/2008		A	1,055	02/21/2009 02/10/2010		Common shares	1,055

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schumacher Laura J 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Laura J.
Schumacher

08/22/2008

__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) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of August 19, 2008.
 - (2) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

Remarks:

This exercise was made pursuant to a previously adopted plan complying with Rule 10b5-1(c). The plan was adopted on June

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