

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Hance Robert B

(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)  
11/12/2009

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)  
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	(D)	Price
Common shares without par value	12/22/2009		M		18,564	A	\$ 51.91
Common shares without par value	12/22/2009		M		42,561	A	\$ 41.0317
Common shares without par value	12/22/2009		S		1,300	D	\$ 54.13

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Common shares without par value	12/22/2009	S	16,380	D	\$ 54.1	178,939	D	
Common shares without par value	12/22/2009	S	200	D	\$ 54.11	178,739	D	
Common shares without par value	12/22/2009	S	684	D	\$ 54.12	178,055	D	
Common shares without par value	12/22/2009	F	36,449	D	\$ 54.102	141,606	D	
Common shares without par value	11/12/2009	G V	220	D	\$ 0	141,386	D	
Common Shares without par value						6,152 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Profit Sharing Trust

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 51.91	12/22/2009		M		03/05/2008	02/10/2010	Common Shares	18,564
	\$ 41.0317	12/22/2009		M		02/20/2007	02/19/2014		42,561

Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>							Common Shares	
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 53.92	12/22/2009	A	36,449	06/23/2010	02/19/2014	Common Shares	36,4

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hance Robert B 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Robert B. Hance	12/23/2009
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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 Plan as of December 21, 2009.
- (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.
- (3) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2009 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

### Remarks:

Except for the gift of 220 shares, these transactions were made pursuant to a previously adopted plan complying with Rule 10b-18.

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