

Shire plc  
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**FORM 8 (OPD)**

**PUBLIC OPENING POSITION DISCLOSURE BY A PARTY TO AN OFFER**

**Rules 8.1 and 8.2 of the Takeover Code (the Code )**

**1. KEY INFORMATION**

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| (a) Identity of the party to the offer making the disclosure:                                                                                                    | AbbVie Inc.        |
| (b) Owner or controller of interests and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a):<br><i>The naming of nominee or vehicle companies is insufficient</i> | N/A                |
| (c) Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates:<br><i>Use a separate form for each party to the offer</i>                | Shire plc          |
| (d) Is the party to the offer making the disclosure the offeror or the offeree?                                                                                  | OFFEROR            |
| (e) Date position held:                                                                                                                                          | 2 July 2014        |
| (f) Has the party previously disclosed, or is it today disclosing, under the Code in respect of any other party to this offer?                                   | YES<br>AbbVie Inc. |

**2. POSITIONS OF THE PARTY TO THE OFFER MAKING THE DISCLOSURE**

- (a) **Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree to which the disclosure relates**

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Class of relevant security:		Ordinary shares			
		Interests		Short positions	
		Number	%	Number	%
(1)	<b>Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:</b>	Nil		Nil	
(2)	<b>Derivatives (other than options):</b>	Nil		Nil	
(3)	<b>Options and agreements to purchase/sell:</b>	Nil		Nil	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	Nil		Nil	

*All interests and all short positions should be disclosed.*

*Details of any open derivative or option positions, or agreements to purchase or sell relevant securities, should be given on a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions).*

*Details of any securities borrowing and lending positions or financial collateral arrangements should be disclosed on a Supplemental Form 8 (SBL).*

**(b) Rights to subscribe for new securities**

**Class of relevant security in relation to which subscription right exists:** None  
**Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages:** N/A

*If there are positions or rights to subscribe to disclose in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in I(c), copy table 2(a) or (b) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security.*

**(c) Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent**

**Details of any irrevocable commitments or letters of intent procured by the party to the offer making the disclosure or any person acting in concert with it (see Note 3 on Rule 2.11 of the Code):**

None

**3. POSITIONS OF PERSONS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE PARTY TO THE OFFER MAKING THE DISCLOSURE**

**Details of any interests, short positions and rights to subscribe of any person acting in concert with the party to the offer making the disclosure:**

See below

*If there are positions or rights to subscribe to disclose in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in I(c), copy table 3 for each additional class of relevant security.*

*Details of any open derivative or option positions, or agreements to purchase or sell relevant securities, should be given on a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions).*

*Details of any securities borrowing and lending positions or financial collateral arrangements should be disclosed on a Supplemental Form 8 (SBL).*

**3.1 AbbVie Directors**

<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Number of Shire plc American Depository</b>	<b>Percentage of total issued ordinary shares (excluding</b>
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	Shares held(1)	treasury shares)	
Glenn F. Tilton	253		0.00%

**4. OTHER INFORMATION**

**(a) Indemnity and other dealing arrangements**

**Details of any indemnity or option arrangement, or any agreement or understanding, formal or informal, relating to relevant securities which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing entered into by the party to the offer making the disclosure or any person acting in concert with it:**

*If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state none*

None

**(b) Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives**

**Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the party to the offer making the disclosure, or any person acting in concert with it, and any other person relating to:**

**(i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or**

**(ii) the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:**

*If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state none*

None

**(c) Attachments**

**Are any Supplemental Forms attached?**

**Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions)  
Supplemental Form 8 (SBL)**

NO  
NO

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*Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service and must also be emailed to the Takeover Panel at [monitoring@disclosure.org.uk](mailto:monitoring@disclosure.org.uk). The Panel's Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Code's dealing disclosure requirements on +44 (0)20 7638 0129.*

*The Code can be viewed on the Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk).*

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(1) Comprises Shire plc American Depository Shares held by Glenn F. Tilton, whether directly or in trust.

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