

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form 4
March 26, 2008

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287
Expires: January 31, 2005
Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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)
03/24/2008

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)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	03/24/2008		S		10,321	D	\$ 55.411 123,804
Common shares without par value	03/24/2008		M		28,197	A	\$ 43.9827 152,001
Common shares without par value	03/24/2008		M		28,664	A	\$ 32.6111 180,665

Edgar Filing: ABBOTT LABORATORIES - Form 4

Common shares without par value	03/24/2008	F	46,540	D	\$ 55.66	134,125	D	
Common shares without par value						5,846 ⁽¹⁾	I	Profit sharing trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. SEC 1474 (9-02)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 43.9827	03/24/2008		M	28,197	04/01/2002 03/31/2009	Common Shares	28,197	
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 32.6111	03/24/2008		M	28,664	02/11/2003 02/10/2010	Common Shares	28,664	
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 55.66	03/24/2008		A	24,764	09/25/2008 03/31/2009	Common Shares	24,764	
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 55.66	03/24/2008		A	21,776	09/25/2008 02/10/2010	Common Shares	21,776	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hance Robert B 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			Senior Vice	

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

President

Signatures

John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert B.
Hance

03/25/2008

 **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 March 24, 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:

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.