

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**December 9, 2011**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Illinois**  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-2189**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-0698440**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 937-6100**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 - Election of Directors**

On December 9, 2011, Sally E. Blount, Ph.D., Dean of the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, and Nancy McKinstry, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Executive Board of Wolters Kluwer N.V., were named to the Abbott Board of Directors, effective immediately.

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year**

On December 9, 2011, Abbott Laboratories Board of Directors amended the first sentence of Article III, Section 2 of Abbott's by-laws to provide that Abbott's Board of Directors shall consist of twelve persons, effective as of December 9, 2011. Abbott's by-laws previously provided that the Board of Directors consisted of ten persons.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit No.**

**Exhibit**

3.1

By-Laws of Abbott Laboratories, as amended and restated effective December 9, 2011.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Abbott Laboratories**

Date: December 13, 2011

By: */s/ Thomas C. Freyman*  
Thomas C. Freyman  
Executive Vice President,  
Finance and Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit Index**

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