

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Mason Heather L

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

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/29/2011

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	12/29/2011		M		53,201	A	\$ 53.625 173,474
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011		S		1,200	D	\$ 56.115 172,274
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011		S		1,800	D	\$ 56.125 170,474

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Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	1,100	D	\$ 56.13	169,374	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	2,400	D	\$ 56.135	166,974	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	1,900	D	\$ 56.14	165,074	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	900	D	\$ 56.145	164,174	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	600	D	\$ 56.15	163,574	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	1,300	D	\$ 56.155	162,274	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	1,062	D	\$ 56.16	161,212	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	13,800	D	\$ 56.165	147,412	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	5,509	D	\$ 56.17	141,903	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	800	D	\$ 56.175	141,103	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	500	D	\$ 56.18	140,603	D
	12/29/2011	S	200	D	\$ 56.185	140,403	D

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Common shares without par value							
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	100	D	\$ 56.1875	140,303	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	1,400	D	\$ 56.19	138,903	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	6,000	D	\$ 56.195	132,903	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	300	D	\$ 56.1975	132,603	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	6,100	D	\$ 56.2	126,503	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	1,200	D	\$ 56.205	125,303	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	2,500	D	\$ 56.21	122,803	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	2,200	D	\$ 56.215	120,603	D
Common shares without par value	12/29/2011	S	330	D	\$ 56.22	120,273	D

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 53.625	12/29/2011		M	53,201	02/15/2005	02/14/2012	Common shares	53,201

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mason Heather L 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Heather L. Mason  
12/30/2011

\*\*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) 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).

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