

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

February 23, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CAPEK JOHN M

(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)

02/19/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
|  |   |   | Code                                 | V  | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)   | Price  |   |
| Common<br>shares<br>without par<br>value | 02/19/2016                              |   | A                                    |  | 24,414<br>(1)  | A \$ 0   | 262,504 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>(2)</sup>       | \$ 38.4  | 02/19/2016                           |  | A                              |   | 214,041  |     | 02/19/2017  | 02/18/2026      | Common shares | 214,041                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| CAPEK JOHN M<br>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD<br>ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 |               |           | Executive<br>Vice<br>President |       |

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for John M. Capek  
02/23/2016

\_\_\_\_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).

These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 2009 Incentive Stock Program. The awards have a 5-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.

Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2009 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 71,347 on 02/19/2017, 71,347 on 02/19/2018, and 71,347 on 02/19/2019.

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