NOVARTIS AG Form 6-K April 19, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

> Report on Form 6-K dated April 19, 2018 (Commission File No. 1-15024)

(Name of Registrant)

Novartis AG

Lichtstrasse 35 4056 Basel Switzerland (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes: o No: x

Exhibits:

99.1 Financial Report Q1 2018 99.2 Interim Financial Report

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Novartis AG

Date: April 19, 2018

/s/ PAUL PENEPENT

Name: Title:

By:

Paul Penepent Head Group Financial Reporting and Accounting