

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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 \*  
Szela Mary T

(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)

12/14/2011

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 below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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**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	12/14/2011		M		53,201	A	\$ 53.625 172,543
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011		S		500	D	\$ 54.325 172,043
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011		S		300	D	\$ 54.3275 171,743

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Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	2,500	D	\$ 54.33	169,243	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	200	D	\$ 54.335	169,043	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	100	D	\$ 54.34	168,943	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	900	D	\$ 54.345	168,043	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	1,550	D	\$ 54.35	166,493	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	2,100	D	\$ 54.355	164,393	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	2,100	D	\$ 54.36	162,293	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	100	D	\$ 54.365	162,193	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	900	D	\$ 54.37	161,293	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	5,500	D	\$ 54.375	155,793	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	5,195	D	\$ 54.38	150,598	D
	12/14/2011	S	1,600	D	\$ 54.385	148,998	D

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Common shares without par value							
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	100	D	\$ 54.3875	148,898	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	1,900	D	\$ 54.39	146,998	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	3,700	D	\$ 54.395	143,298	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	4,500	D	\$ 54.4	138,798	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	2,300	D	\$ 54.405	136,498	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	5,275	D	\$ 54.41	131,223	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	2,488	D	\$ 54.42	128,735	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	212	D	\$ 54.425	128,523	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	2,700	D	\$ 54.43	125,823	D
Common shares without par value	12/14/2011	S	3,200	D	\$ 54.44	122,623	D
	12/14/2011	S	2,781	D	\$ 54.445	119,842	D

Common shares without par value

Common shares without par value

12/14/2011 S 500 D \$ 54.46 119,342 D

Common shares without par value

80 <sup>(1)</sup> I Profit Sharing Trust

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>	\$ 53.625	12/14/2011		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
Szela Mary T 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Mary T.  
Szela

12/16/2011

\_\_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) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of December 14, 2011.
  - (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.

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