

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
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**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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 27, 2012**

**Abbott Laboratories**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

**36-0698440**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

**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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**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

Abbott Laboratories held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on April 27, 2012. The following is a summary of the matters voted on at that meeting.

(a) The shareholders elected Abbott's entire Board of Directors. The persons elected to Abbott's Board of Directors and the number of shares cast for, the number of shares withheld, and the number of broker non-votes, with respect to each of these persons, were as follows:

| Name                   | Votes For     | Votes Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Robert J. Alpern, M.D. | 1,148,611,737 | 6,501,906      | 213,186,769      |
| Roxanne S. Austin      | 1,130,010,580 | 25,103,063     | 213,186,769      |
| Sally E. Blount, Ph.D. | 1,147,359,575 | 7,754,068      | 213,186,769      |
| W. James Farrell       | 1,124,186,345 | 30,927,298     | 213,186,769      |
| Edward M. Liddy        | 1,124,693,577 | 30,420,066     | 213,186,769      |
| Nancy McKinstry        | 755,033,394   | 400,080,249    | 213,186,769      |
| Phebe N. Novakovic     | 1,148,157,176 | 6,956,467      | 213,186,769      |
| William A. Osborn      | 1,126,524,147 | 28,589,496     | 213,186,769      |
| Samuel C. Scott III    | 1,147,469,058 | 7,644,585      | 213,186,769      |
| Glenn F. Tilton        | 1,144,368,106 | 10,745,537     | 213,186,769      |
| Miles D. White         | 1,105,875,222 | 49,238,421     | 213,186,769      |

(b) The shareholders ratified the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Abbott's auditors. The number of shares cast in favor of the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For           | Against   | Abstain   | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 1,356,693,248 | 8,617,120 | 2,990,044 | 0                |

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(c) The shareholders voted to approve the compensation of Abbott's named executive officers listed in the proxy statement for the 2012 annual meeting, with 91.96 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The shareholder vote is advisory and non-binding. The number of shares cast in favor of approval, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For           | Against    | Abstain    | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| 1,062,245,514 | 82,140,318 | 10,727,811 | 213,186,769      |

(d) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors issue an annual report to shareholders regarding transparency in animal research, with 5.07 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The number of shares cast in favor of the shareholder proposal, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For        | Against     | Abstain     | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 58,545,524 | 887,057,991 | 209,510,128 | 213,186,769      |

(e) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors prepare a report, to be updated annually, containing certain disclosures about Abbott's lobbying policy, procedures, and expenditures, with 32.35 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The number of shares cast in favor of the shareholder proposal, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For         | Against     | Abstain     | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 373,692,325 | 647,773,653 | 133,647,665 | 213,186,769      |

(f) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy that the Board's chairman be an independent director, with 19.54 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The number of shares cast in favor of the shareholder proposal, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For         | Against     | Abstain   | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| 225,681,886 | 920,275,317 | 9,156,440 | 213,186,769      |

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(g) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy regarding tax gross-up payments to senior executives, with 37.46 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The number of shares cast in favor of the shareholder proposal, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 432,719,576 | 708,659,052 | 13,735,015 | 213,186,769      |

(h) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy regarding retention by senior executives of Abbott shares acquired through equity compensation programs and hedging transactions for such shares, with 21.05 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The number of shares cast in favor of the shareholder proposal, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 243,125,351 | 895,814,546 | 16,173,746 | 213,186,769      |

(i) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy that financial performance metrics shall not be adjusted to exclude compliance costs when determining senior executive incentive compensation awards, with 34.08 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The number of shares cast in favor of the shareholder proposal, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 393,707,847 | 748,281,688 | 13,124,108 | 213,186,769      |

(j) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy regarding accelerated vesting of equity awards to senior executives in the event of a change of control of Abbott, with 38.00 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. The number of shares cast in favor of the shareholder proposal, the number against, the number abstaining, and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For         | Against     | Abstain    | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 438,980,383 | 703,647,085 | 12,486,175 | 213,186,769      |

**SIGNATURE**

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: April 30, 2012

By:

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