#### ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

Common shares

without par value Common shares

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12/22/2011

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December 23, 2011

#### **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LINDER GREG W Issuer Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD 12/22/2011 below) below) Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price Common shares 75,203 A 12/22/2011 M 221,780 D without par value

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638

12,900 D

D

\$ 55.11 221.142

\$ 55.12 208,242

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Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	100	D	\$ 55.125	208,142	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	462	D	\$ 55.13	207,680	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	400	D	\$ 55.14	207,280	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	2,700	D	\$ 55.15	204,580	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	2,800	D	\$ 55.16	201,780	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	200	D	\$ 55.17	201,580	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	100	D	\$ 55.2	201,480	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	2,933	D	\$ 55.25	198,547	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	900	D	\$ 55.26	197,647	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	3,000	D	\$ 55.27	194,647	D
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	5,700	D	\$ 55.28	188,947	D
	12/22/2011	S	4,500	D	\$ 55.29	184,447	D

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Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	5,375	D	\$ 55.3	179,072	D	
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	11,200	D	\$ 55.31	167,872	D	
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	14,033	D	\$ 55.32	153,839	D	
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	7,162	D	\$ 55.33	146,677	D	
Common shares without par value	12/22/2011	S	100	D	\$ 55.335	146,577	D	
Common shares without par value						3,986 (1)	I	Profit Sharing Trust

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	etion S S) A (	5. Number of ionDerivative 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) (2)	\$ 53.625	12/22/2011	M	42,561	02/15/2005	02/14/2012	Common shares	42,561
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 53.625	12/22/2011	M	32,642	02/18/2008	02/17/2015	Common shares	32,642

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
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LINDER GREG W 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400			Vice President					

# **Signatures**

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Greg W.
Linder

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

- \* 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).

Date

- (1) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of December 21, 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.
- (3) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program 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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