ABBOTT LABORATORIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $\underline{\ }^*$ Hance Robert B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD		'D	03/05/2008	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Senior 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		
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) iomr Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	rities Ownership Incepticially Form: Best of Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Inceptical (Inception (Inceptio	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common shares without par value	03/05/2008		Code V M	Amount 1,217	(D)	Price \$ 52.66	134,867	D	
Common shares without par value	03/05/2008		S	1,217	D	\$ 52.953	133,650	D	
Common shares without par value	03/05/2008		M	12,236	A	\$ 42.4978	145,886	D	

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Common shares without par value	03/05/2008	F	10,604	D	\$ 53.24	135,282	D	
Common shares without par value						5,846 <u>(1)</u>	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 52.66	03/05/2008		M		1,217	07/31/2007	06/29/2008	Common shares	1,2
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 42.4978	03/05/2008		M		12,236	02/12/2002	02/11/2009	Common shares	12,2
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 53.24	03/05/2008		A	10,604		09/06/2008	02/11/2009	Common shares	10,6

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Hance Robert B			Senior					
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			Vice					
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400			President					

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Deborah K. Koenen, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert B.
Hance
03/06/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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 March 5, 2008
- (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.

Remarks:

These transactions were made pursuant to a previously adopted plan complying with Rule 10b5-1(c). The plan was adopted o Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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