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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] Wellisch Alejandro D (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person ABBOTT PARK, Â ILÂ 60064 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Senior Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common shares without par value 10,956 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| (Instr. 4) | | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Securities Un | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | Ownership |
|------------|--|--|--------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|--|-----------|
| | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | () |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Option (right to buy) (1) | 07/21/2018 | 07/20/2027 | Common shares | 15,339 | \$ 50.72 | D | Â |
| Option (right to buy) (1) | 07/21/2019 | 07/20/2027 | Common shares | 15,338 | \$ 50.72 | D | Â |
| Option (right to buy) (1) | 07/21/2020 | 07/20/2027 | Common shares | 15,339 | \$ 50.72 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|------|
| . Programme and an amount | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Othe |
| Wellisch Alejandro D 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK Â II Â 60064 | Â | Â | Senior Vice President | Â |

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Alejandro D. Wellisch

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

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