

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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 29, 2011**

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 29, 2011. 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 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. | 1,097,053,187 | 6,324,721 | 216,314,532 |
| Roxanne S. Austin | 1,091,618,202 | 11,759,707 | 216,314,532 |
| W. James Farrell | 1,063,585,536 | 39,792,373 | 216,314,532 |
| H. Laurance Fuller | 1,059,423,868 | 43,954,041 | 216,314,532 |
| Edward M. Liddy | 1,067,262,572 | 36,115,337 | 216,314,532 |
| Phebe N. Novakovic | 1,096,524,391 | 6,853,518 | 216,314,532 |
| William A. Osborn | 1,065,086,057 | 38,291,851 | 216,314,532 |
| Samuel C. Scott III | 1,095,726,336 | 7,651,573 | 216,314,532 |
| Glenn F. Tilton | 1,093,943,064 | 9,434,845 | 216,314,532 |
| Miles D. White | 1,059,296,381 | 44,081,528 | 216,314,532 |

(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 broker non-votes were as follows:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 1,307,882,710 | 8,780,993 | 3,028,738 | 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 2011 annual meeting. 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 |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 856,801,936 | 239,290,915 | 7,285,058 | 216,314,532 |

(d) The shareholders voted to approve management's recommendation that Abbott present shareholders with the opportunity to vote on the compensation awarded to its named executive officers annually. The shareholder vote is advisory and non-binding. The number of shares cast in favor of holding the vote annually, every two years or every three years, the number abstaining and the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| Annual | Every Two Years | Every Three Years | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 986,335,153 | 9,417,905 | 101,442,161 | 6,182,690 | 216,314,532 |

(e) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting Abbott's Board of Directors to create and implement a policy of price restraint on branded pharmaceuticals. 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 |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 28,195,661 | 914,726,421 | 160,455,827 | 216,314,532 |

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: May 5, 2011

By:

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