ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4 October 02, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

OSBORN WILLIAM A

(First) (Middle)

100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD

(Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or Code V Amount (D) Price 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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X Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Following (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Acquired Security (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Stock Common \$ 0 (1) (1) (1) 09/30/2008 equivalent 416 416 \$ 57

shares

units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OSBORN WILLIAM A
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD X
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for William A.
Osborn

10/02/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Director fees credited to a stock equivalent unit account under a grantor trust established by him and paid, in cash, generally at age 65 or upon retirement from the board. The stock equivalent units earn the same return as if the fees were invested in Abbott stock.
- (2) Balance includes stock equivalent units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature.

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