

NOVARTIS AG  
Form 6-K  
April 24, 2012

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Report on Form 6-K dated April 24, 2012  
(Commission File No. 1-15024)

(Name of Registrant)

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Novartis AG

Lichtstrasse 35  
4056 Basel  
Switzerland  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes: o No: x

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Exhibits:

99.1 Financial Report Q1 2012

99.2 Interim Financial Report

SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Novartis AG

Date: April 24, 2012

By: /s/ MALCOLM B. CHEETHAM

Name: Malcolm B. Cheetham  
Title: Head Group Financial Reporting and Accounting

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