

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form 8-K
April 29, 2013

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 26, 2013**

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 26, 2013. 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 the number of 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. | 1,114,802,267 | 7,104,044 | 206,376,087 |
| Roxanne S. Austin | 1,001,191,583 | 120,714,729 | 206,376,087 |
| Sally E. Blount, Ph.D. | 1,114,398,261 | 7,508,050 | 206,376,087 |
| W. James Farrell | 1,108,474,766 | 13,431,545 | 206,376,087 |
| Edward M. Liddy | 1,099,633,336 | 22,272,975 | 206,376,087 |
| Nancy McKinstry | 1,095,314,354 | 26,591,957 | 206,376,087 |
| Phebe N. Novakovic | 1,114,657,412 | 7,248,899 | 206,376,087 |
| William A. Osborn | 1,103,050,399 | 18,855,912 | 206,376,087 |
| Samuel C. Scott III | 1,108,013,011 | 13,893,300 | 206,376,087 |
| Glenn F. Tilton | 1,089,537,974 | 32,368,337 | 206,376,087 |
| Miles D. White | 1,066,097,855 | 55,808,456 | 206,376,087 |

(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 the number of broker non-votes were as follows:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1,311,370,350 | 13,030,527 | 3,881,522 | 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 2013 annual meeting, with 84.52 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. 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 |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 948,174,000 | 160,150,370 | 13,581,942 | 206,376,087 |

(d) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy of removing genetically engineered ingredients from all nutritional products sold or manufactured by Abbott, with 2.68 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. 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 |
|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 30,029,557 | 904,369,801 | 187,506,954 | 206,376,087 |

(e) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors prepare a report, to be updated annually, containing certain disclosures about Abbott's lobbying policy, procedures, and expenditures, with 24.15 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. 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 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 270,912,649 | 680,368,204 | 170,625,459 | 206,376,087 |

(f) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy that the Board's chairman be an independent director, with 21.52 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. 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 |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 241,496,129 | 870,021,371 | 10,388,812 | 206,376,087 |

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(g) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy regarding retention by senior executives of Abbott shares acquired through equity compensation programs and hedging transactions for such shares, with 23.40 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. 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 |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 262,542,703 | 845,553,616 | 13,809,993 | 206,376,087 |

(h) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy that financial performance metrics shall not be adjusted to exclude compliance costs when determining senior executive incentive compensation awards, with 38.77 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. 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 |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| 434,950,301 | 677,555,335 | 9,400,676 | 206,376,087 |

(i) The shareholders rejected a shareholder proposal requesting that Abbott's Board of Directors adopt a policy regarding accelerated vesting of equity awards to named executive officers in the event of a change of control of Abbott, with 29.52 percent of the votes cast voting For the proposal. 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 |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 331,176,519 | 778,305,104 | 12,424,689 | 206,376,087 |

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: April 29, 2013

By:

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