

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4720

June 1, 2016

<u>Via E-mail</u> Hubert L. Allen Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Abbott Laboratories Dept. 0364, Bldg. AP6D-2 100 Abbott Park Road Abbott Park, IL 60604

Re: Abbott Laboratories Annual Report on Form 10-K Filed February 19, 2016 File No. 001-02189

Dear Mr. Allen:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Suzanne

Suzanne Hayes Assistant Director