

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wellisch Alejandro D</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD</u> (Street) <u>ABBOTT PARK IL 60064</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/01/2017</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <u>Senior Vice President</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common shares without par value</u>	<u>10,956</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Option (right to buy)⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>07/21/2018</u>	<u>07/20/2027</u>	<u>Common shares</u>	<u>15,339</u>	<u>50.72</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Option (right to buy)⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>07/21/2019</u>	<u>07/20/2027</u>	<u>Common shares</u>	<u>15,338</u>	<u>50.72</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Option (right to buy)⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>07/21/2020</u>	<u>07/20/2027</u>	<u>Common shares</u>	<u>15,339</u>	<u>50.72</u>	<u>D</u>

Explanation of Responses:

1. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program, in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Alejandro D. Wellisch 10/04/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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The undersigned constitutes and appoints HUBERT L. ALLEN, JOHN A. BERRY and JESSICA H. PAIK, and each of them individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, to prepare and sign any and all Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Notices of Proposed Sales of Securities pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933 on Form 144, all SEC statements on Forms 3, 4 and 5 as required under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including a Form ID and any other documents necessary to obtain codes and passwords necessary to make electronic filings, and any amendments to such forms, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each act and thing requisite, necessary or desirable to be done under said Rule 144 and Section 16(a), as fully for all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

A copy of this power of attorney shall be filed with the SEC. The authorization set forth above shall continue in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 144, 3, 4, or 5 or if earlier, until the undersigned revokes such authorization by written instructions to the attorney-in-fact.

Date: September 15, 2017

/s/ Alejandro D. Wellisch
Signature of Reporting Person

Alejandro D. Wellisch

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