

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NEMMERS JOSEPH M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD</u> (Street) <u>ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-6400</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X Senior Vice President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/30/2003</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common shares without par value	12/30/2003		M		4,070	A	\$37	53,971	D	
Common shares without par value	12/30/2003		F		3,539	D	\$47.15	50,432	D	
Common shares without par value	12/30/2003		G	V	861	D	\$0	49,571	D	
Common shares without par value								10,332 ⁽¹⁾	I	Profit Sharing Trust
Common shares without par value								330 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	I	By self for son
Common shares without par value								330 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	I	By self for son
Common shares without par value								277 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	I	By self for son
Common shares without par value								271 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	I	By self for son

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Option (right to buy)	\$37	12/30/2003		M		4,070		02/13/2000	02/12/2008	common shares	4,070	\$0	2,930	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽⁴⁾	\$47.15	12/30/2003		A		3,539		07/01/2004	02/12/2008	common shares	3,539	\$0	3,539	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of December 29, 2003.
- Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his sons.
- Includes shares acquired under the Abbott Laboratories Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan in transactions exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16a-11.
- Employee stock options granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3.

John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact 12/31/2003
for Joseph M. Nemmers

** 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 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).

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