## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ASHLEY RICHARD W  (Last) (First) (Middle)  100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD					Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ ABT ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2005									heck all ap Dire X Offic belo	olicable) ctor er (give title w)		Owner (specify )	
(Street) ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-6400 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Lir	ne) X Forr Forr	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person						
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or E	3ene	ficia	lly Own	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			d Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
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Common shares without par value 02/18/					3/2005	/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>		30,500	500 A \$		\$46.	34 5	58,500	D		
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L. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  Security  1. Title of Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date (Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transa Code ( 8)		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares represent a restricted stock award under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The award includes the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.

> John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Richard W. Ashley

02/23/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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