

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )\*

Abbott Laboratories  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares  
(Title of Class of Securities)

002824100  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2018  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- ☒ Rule 13d-1(b)  
☐ Rule 13d-1(c)  
☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

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- 1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
Capital Research Global Investors \*\*

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

- 3 SEC USE ONLY

- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

121,928,346

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIAL  
LY OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

121,928,346

EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH:

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

121,928,346 Beneficial ownership disclaimed pursuant to Rule  
13d-4

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.9%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IA

\*\* A division of Capital Research and Management Company (CRMC)

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:  
Abbott Laboratories

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
100 Abbott Park Road  
Abbott Park IL 60064-3500

Item 2(a) Name of Person(s) Filing:  
Capital Research Global Investors

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none,  
Residence:  
333 South Hope Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Item 2(c) Citizenship: N/A

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Shares

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:  
002824100

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to sections 240.13d-1(b)  
or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:  
(e) ☒ An investment adviser in accordance with

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
- (b) Percent of class:
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

Capital Research Global Investors divisions of CRMC is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 121,928,346 shares or 6.9% of the 1,756,333,032 shares believed to be outstanding.

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Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: N/A

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding  
Company or Control Person: N/A

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:  
N/A

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10      Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 13, 2019

Signature: /s/ Donald H. Rolfe  
Name/Title: Donald H. Rolfe - Senior Vice President  
and Senior Counsel, Fund Business  
Management Group  
Capital Research and Management Company



