FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ROBERTS ROY S						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 317 PINE RIDGE DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2004									Office below	(give title		Other (s	specify	
(Street) BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48304					4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)																				
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	<i>r</i> ative	Se	curities	s Acc	quired, [Disp	osed c	of, or Be	enefic	cially	Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) ((D)	Pr	ice	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(iiisti. 4)	
Common	shares with	hout par value	3/2004	2004			A ⁽¹⁾		1,577	.,577 A S		41.2	11,492			D				
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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code (8)		of E		s. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		De Se (Ir	Price of erivative ecurity istr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s ally	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$41.2	04/23/2004			Α		5,825		04/23/2004	04	1/22/2014	common shares	5,82	25	\$0	5,825		D		

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 under Rule 16b-3.
- 2. Stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b). It contains a replacement option feature.

John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact for Roy S. Roberts

04/27/2004

** 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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