

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**February 19, 2010**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Illinois**  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-2189**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-0698440**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**100 Abbott Park Road**

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Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 937-6100

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.03**      **Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Changes in Fiscal Year**

On February 19, 2010, Abbott's Board of Directors amended the first sentence of Article III, Section 2 of Abbott's by-laws to provide that Abbott's Board of Directors shall consist of twelve persons, effective as of April 23, 2010. Abbott's by-laws previously provided that the Board of Directors consisted of thirteen persons.

**Item 9.01**      **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
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3.1	By-Laws of Abbott Laboratories, as amended and restated effective as of April 23, 2010.
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

Date: February 22, 2010

By:

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman  
Thomas C. Freyman  
Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief  
Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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