

NOVARTIS AG
Form 6-K
March 09, 2010

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Report on Form 6-K dated March 9, 2010

(Commission File No. 1-15024)

Novartis AG

(Name of Registrant)

Lichtstrasse 35

4056 Basel

Switzerland

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes: **No:**

THIS REPORT ON FORM 6-K SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROSPECTUS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM F-3 (FILE NO. 333-153696) OF NOVARTIS AG, NOVARTIS CAPITAL CORPORATION, NOVARTIS SECURITIES INVESTMENT LTD. AND NOVARTIS FINANCE S.A. AND TO BE A PART THEREOF FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED, TO THE EXTENT NOT SUPERSEDED BY DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS SUBSEQUENTLY FILED OR FURNISHED.

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Novartis AG, Novartis Capital Corporation, Novartis Securities Investment Ltd. and Novartis Finance S.A. hereby incorporate by reference the following exhibit to this report of Form 6-K into their Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-153696).

Exhibit No.	Description of Document
12.1	Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Novartis AG

Date: March 9, 2010

By: /s/ Malcolm B. Cheetham
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Title: Head Group Financial
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