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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Watkin Jared

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD
 (Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common shares without par value	02/16/2018		A		27,819 (1) \$ 0	74,357	D
Common shares without par value	02/20/2018		F		683 \$ 60.17	73,674	D
Common shares without par value	02/20/2018		S		97 \$ 59.2901	73,577	D

Explanation of Responses:

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These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program. The

(1) awards have a 3-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.

(2) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 16, 2018.

Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section

(3) 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 50,994 on 02/16/2019, 50,993 on 02/16/2020, and 50,994 on 02/16/2021.

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