

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2004

**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**

**December 10, 2004**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

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

**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 10, 2004, Abbott Laboratories Board of Directors amended the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program to allow for the award of restricted stock units in lieu of restricted stock to non-employee directors.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

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**Signature**

Signature



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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**

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman

By: Thomas C. Freyman  
Executive Vice President, Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 15, 2004

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