

Shire plc
Form 425
October 16, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 15, 2014**

ABBVIE INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-35565
(Commission File Number)

32-0375147
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1 North Waukegan Road
North Chicago, Illinois 60064-6400

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 932-7900**

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:

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 15, 2014, AbbVie Inc. (AbbVie) issued a press release announcing that AbbVie's board of directors has withdrawn its previous recommendation to AbbVie stockholders in favor of the proposed transaction with Shire plc (Shire). The AbbVie board of directors now recommends AbbVie stockholders vote against the Shire transaction.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.		Exhibit
99.1	Press Release, dated October 15, 2014	

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.

ABBVIE INC.

Date: October 15, 2014

By:

/s/ LAURA J. SCHUMACHER
Laura J. Schumacher
Executive Vice President, Business Development,
External Affairs and General Counsel

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