

NOVARTIS AG  
Form 6-K  
January 24, 2018  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

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

**Report on Form 6-K dated January 24, 2018  
(Commission File No. 1-15024)**

Novartis AG  
(Name of Registrant)

**Lichtstrasse 35  
4056 Basel  
Switzerland**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes  No

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**Exhibits:**

99.1 Excerpts from Novartis Annual Report 2017

101.INS XBRL Instance Document

101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document

101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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**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.

Date: January 24, 2018

**Novartis AG**

By: /s/ HARRY KIRSCH

Name: Harry Kirsch

Title: Chief Financial Officer, Novartis Group

By: /s/ FELIX R. EHRAT

Name: Felix R. Ehrat

Title: General Counsel, Novartis Group

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