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July 17, 2003

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 July 16, 2003  
(Commission File No. 1-15024)

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Novartis AG  
(Name of Registrant)

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Lichtstrasse 35  
4056 Basel  
Switzerland

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
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Yes:  No:

Enclosures: Novartis IR invitation to the Novartis Half Year Sales & Results 2003 Conference Call

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Investor Relations

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- Investor Relations Invitation -

Half Year Sales & Results 2003 Conference Call

Dear Investor,

We are pleased to invite you to our Half Year Sales & Results 2003 Conference Call. Please find below the dial-in details:

Date: Monday, July 21st, 2003

Time: 06.00 p.m. Switzerland  
05.00 p.m. UK  
12.00 p.m. New York

Advisable: dial-in 10 minutes before

Phone numbers: +41 91 610 56 00 Europe and ROW  
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You may access the conference call as a live audio webcast on the Internet on July 21st: <http://www.novartis.com/investors>.

Additional financial information will be available on Monday, July 21st, on the Internet <http://www.novartis.com/investors>

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Date: Monday, July 21st, 2003

Time: 09.00 p.m. Switzerland  
08.00 p.m. UK  
03.00 p.m. New York

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Novartis AG has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOVARTIS AG

Date: July 17, 2003

By: /s/ MALCOLM CHEETHAM  
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Name: Malcolm Cheetham  
Title: Head Group Financial Reporting  
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