UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES  

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  
Seidman Christine E  
Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]  
MERCK & CO., INC., 2000 GALLOPING HILL ROAD  
KENILWORTH, NJ 07033  

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]  

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)  
9/30/2020  

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)  

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Click all applicable)  
__X__ Director  
_____ 10% Owner  
_____ Officer (give title below)  
_____ Other (specify below)  

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  

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<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>9/30/2020</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>(A) or (D)</td>
<td>100</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)  

| Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Trans. Date | Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | Title of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|=================================================================================|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock                          | 9/30/2020                                           | A           | 195.9011               |                                                                                     | Common Stock                       | 195.9011                                                         | $82.95                  | 3054.2401                           | D                                                                                   |                                                  |                                                  |

Explanation of Responses:  
(1) 1-for-1  
(2) Phantom stock units are to be settled 100% in cash upon reporting person's termination of service in accordance with a distribution schedule elected pursuant to the terms of the Plan for Deferred Payment of Directors' Compensation.  
(3) Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.  

Reporting Owners  
Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships  
Seidman Christine E  
MERCK & CO., INC.  
2000 GALLOPING HILL ROAD  
KENILWORTH, NJ 07033  | X  

Signatures  
/s/ Jon Filderman as Attorney-in-Fact for Christine E. Seidman  
10/2/2020  
**Signature of Reporting Person  
Date  
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).  
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