

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<b>Seidman Christine E</b>		<b>Merck &amp; Co., Inc. [ MRK ]</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)		<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
<b>MERCK &amp; CO., INC., 2000 GALLOPING HILL ROAD</b>		<b>9/30/2021</b>			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
<b>KENILWORTH, NJ 07033</b>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								100	D	

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					Title
Phantom Stock	(1)	9/30/2021		A		216.3494		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	216.3494	\$75.11	6840.424 (3)	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

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- 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.
- Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Seidman Christine E MERCK &amp; CO., INC. 2000 GALLOPING HILL ROAD KENILWORTH, NJ 07033</b>	X			

#### Signatures

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Christine E. Seidman

10/1/2021

\*\*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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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