## FORM 4

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# 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 *					2.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Chattopadhyay Sanat				M	Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]								. ,	100			
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
MERCK & CO., INC., 126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE					1/22/2024							Exe V-P & Pi		· —	(1 )	,	
	(Stree	et)			4.	If Am	endme	ent, Date (	Origi	nal Filed	(MM/D	D/YYYY	6. Individual	or Joint/G	roup Filing	(Check Appl	icable Line)
RAHWAY, NJ 07065												X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(C	ity) (Stat	te) (Zip		I - No	n-Dei	rivati	ve Sec	urities Ac	aui	red, Disr	osed o	f, or Be	eneficially Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)					eemed tion	3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8)	•					ities Beneficially Owned		Ownership of I Form: Ber Direct (D) Ow	Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock				1/22/2	024			A		26,716 (1)	A	\$119.43			26,716	D	
Common Stock															37,873	I	By GRAT 2021 (2)
Common Stock															45,608	I	By GRAT 2022 (3)
Common Stock															46,995	I	By GRAT 2023 <sup>(4)</sup>
	Tab	le II - Der	ivative	e Secui	rities	Bene	ficially	y Owned	(e.g.	, puts, ca	alls, wa	rrants	options, conve	tible secu	ırities)		
1 1 1 1 1			Trans. nstr. 8)	ans. Code r. 8) 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				and Expiration Date Securiti Derivat (Instr. 3			s Underlying e Security (Instr. 5) If		derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	V	(A)	(D)		ercisable I			nares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Distribution of net after tax shares of common stock on satisfaction of performance criteria for performance share units granted on 3/31/21. Performance shares were paid out at 161 percent of target awards. Includes dividends accrued over the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2023.
- (2) The reporting person serves as the sole trustee of, and maintains complete investment control over, the Sanat Chattopadhyay 2021 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.
- (3) The reporting person serves as the sole trustee of, and maintains complete investment control over, the Sanat Chattopadhyay 2022 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.
- (4) The reporting person serves as the sole trustee of, and maintains complete investment control over, the Sanat Chattopadhyay 2023 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.

#### **Reporting Owners**

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director 10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Chattopadhyay Sanat		
MERCK & CO., INC.	Exe V-P & Pres. MMD	
126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE	Exe v-P & Pres. WIVID	
RAHWAY, NJ 07065		

### **Signatures**

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Sanat Chattopadhyay

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

1/24/2024

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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