

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 * Zachary Jennifer (Last) (First) (Middle) MERCK & CO., INC. 126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE (Street) RAHWAY NEW JERSEY 07065 (City) (State) (Zip/Postal Code) UNITED STATES (Country)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Merck & Co., Inc. [MRK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below) EVP, General Counsel
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/12/2026		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	8/12/2026		M		41,494	A	\$117.89	112,391.254	D	
Common Stock	8/12/2026		M		13,433	A	\$84.71	125,824.254	D	
Common Stock	8/12/2026		S		80,315	D	\$133.4557 (1)	45,509.254	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$117.89	8/12/2026		M		41,494	5/2/2024 (2)	5/1/2033	Common Stock	41,494	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$84.71	8/12/2026		M		13,433	4/29/2026 (3)	4/28/2035	Common Stock	13,433	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$133.0300 to \$133.5000, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Merck & Co., Inc., any security holder of Merck & Co., Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above in this footnote.
- (2) The options vested and became exercisable in equal installments on 5/2/2024, 5/2/2025 and 5/2/2026.
- (3) The options vest and become exercisable in equal installments on 4/29/2026, 4/29/2027, and 4/29/2028.

Reporting Owners

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

MERCK & CO., INC. 126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE RAHWAY NEW JERSEY 07065 UNITED STATES			EVP, General Counsel	
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Signatures

<u>/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Jennifer Zachary</u>	<u>8/13/2026</u>
<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	<u>Date</u>

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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