

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 * Karsanbhai Surendralal Lanca (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)
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 9/30/2026		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		

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)
Common Stock			Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		1	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)
Phantom Stock	(1)	9/30/2026		A	111.8299	(2) (2)	Common Stock 111.8299	\$145.31	5,667.0117 (3)	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			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Karsanbhai Surendralal Lanca MERCK & CO., INC. 126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE RAHWAY NEW JERSEY 07065 UNITED STATES	X			

Signatures

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Surendralal L. Karsanbhai

—Signature of Reporting Person

10/1/2026

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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