### FORM 4

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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *				Ź	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol							<ol><li>Relationshi</li></ol>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	•											(Check all app	olicable)			
Downing Cri	stal N			-	Mer	ck & C	o., Inc. [	M	RK]							
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director		10%	Owner		
(2000) (1.1100)					,								_X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
MERCK & CO., INC., 126 EAST					11/10/2025							Chief Comm.	Chief Comm. & Public Afrs Ofcr			
LINCOLN AVENUE					11/10/2020											
(Street)				4	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)							Y) 6. Individual o	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
RAHWAY, NJ 07065												X Form filed b	X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)					1						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
			I - Non-I 2. Trans. Da			3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acqu or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		nired (A		. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned following Reported Transaction(s)		Ownership of Indirect (D) Owners or Indirect (Instr. 4	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code	V	Amou	(A) or nt (D)	Pric				(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				11/10/202	5		S		7,08	5 D	\$87	,		0	D	
Title of Derivate Security	2. Conversion	le II - Der 3. Trans. Date	3A. Dee Execution	med 4. Tra	ıns. Coo	de 5. Numb Derivativ	er of ve Securities	6. D	<b>puts,</b> oate Exer Expirati	cisable	7. Title Securi	s, options, conver	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of derivative	10. Ownership	
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		Date, if	any		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)					(Instr.	tive Security 3 and 4)	4) (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Derivative	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Cod	de '	V (A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

**Reporting Owners** 

Parantina Oryman Nama / Addusas	Relationships								
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Downing Cristal N									
MERCK & CO., INC.			Chief Comme & Double Afric Office						
126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE			Chief Comm. & Public Afrs Ofcr						
RAHWAY, NJ 07065									

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Cristal N. Downing

\*\*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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