

# FORM 4

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>Foard Brian</b>  <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE</b>  <small>(Street)</small>  <b>RAHWAY NEW JERSEY 07065</b>  <small>(City) (State) (Zip/Postal Code)</small>  <b>UNITED STATES</b>  <small>(Country)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>Merck &amp; Co., Inc. [MRK]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>EVP, Specialty, Pharma, &amp; ID</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>5/5/2026</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

**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			

**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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	5/5/2026		A		10,605		5/5/2027 (2)	5/5/2029	Common Stock	10,605	\$0	10,605	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	5/5/2026		A		35,351		5/5/2027 (2)	5/5/2029	Common Stock	35,351	\$0	35,351	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$113.15	5/5/2026		A		31,044		5/5/2027 (3)	5/4/2036	Common Stock	31,044	\$0	31,044	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Merck & Co., Inc. common stock.
- (2) These restricted stock units vest and are distributed as shares of Merck & Co., Inc. common stock in three equal installments on 5/5/2027, 5/5/2028, and, 5/5/2029.
- (3) The option vests and becomes exercisable in equal installments on 5/5/2027, 5/5/2028, and, 5/5/2029.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Foard Brian</b> <b>126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE</b> <b>RAHWAY</b> <b>NEW JERSEY</b> <b>07065</b>			<b>EVP, Specialty, Pharma, &amp; ID</b>	

**Signatures**

/s/ Kelly E. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Brian Foard

5/7/2026

—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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