

# 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. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Zachary Jennifer			Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]			<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, General Counsel</b>		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
MERCK & CO., INC., 126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE			2/9/2026					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
RAHWAY, NJ 07065						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)								

**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	2/9/2026		M		25,946	A	\$119.1522 <sup>(1)</sup>	94,861.671	D	
Common Stock	2/9/2026		S		25,946	D	\$119.1522 <sup>(1)</sup>	68,915.671	D	
Common Stock	2/9/2026		M		56,792	A	\$119.1522 <sup>(1)</sup>	125,707.671	D	
Common Stock	2/9/2026		S		56,792	D	\$119.1522 <sup>(1)</sup>	68,915.671	D	
Common Stock	2/9/2026		M		38,835	A	\$119.1522 <sup>(1)</sup>	107,750.671	D	
Common Stock	2/9/2026		S		38,835	D	\$119.1522 <sup>(1)</sup>	68,915.671	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$75.36	2/9/2026		M			25,946	5/1/2021 <sup>(2)</sup>	4/30/2030	Common Stock	25,946	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$73.73	2/9/2026		M			56,792	5/4/2022 <sup>(3)</sup>	5/3/2031	Common Stock	56,792	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$87.1	2/9/2026		M			38,835	5/3/2023 <sup>(4)</sup>	5/2/2032	Common Stock	38,835	\$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 \$118.9600 to \$119.5100, 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 option vested and became exercisable in three equal installments on 5/1/2021, 5/1/2022 and 5/1/2023.
- (3) The option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal installments on 5/4/2022, 5/4/2023 and 5/4/2024.
- (4) The option vests and becomes exercisable in equal installments on 5/3/2023, 5/3/2024 and 5/3/2025.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Zachary Jennifer</b> <b>MERCK &amp; CO., INC.</b> <b>126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE</b> <b>RAHWAY, NJ 07065</b>			<b>EVP, General Counsel</b>	

**Signatures**/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Jennifer Zachary2/9/2026

—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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