Form 4

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

Williams David Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MERCK & CO., INC., 2000 GALLOPING HILL ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

KENILWORTH, NJ 07033

2/24/2022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

_____ Director

_____ 10% Owner

X Officer (give title below)

_____ Other (specify below)

EVP, Chief Info & Digital Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Common Stock

2. Trans. Date

2/24/2022

3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any

4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)

V

5. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

A

6. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

1660

7. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

8. Beneficial Ownership Code: 

V

9. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)


Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)

2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

3. Trans. Date

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. 3 and 4)

10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

1. Distribution of net after tax shares of common stock on satisfaction of performance criteria for performance share units granted on 3/29/19. Performance shares were paid out at 140 percent of target awards. Includes dividends accrued over the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2021.

2. Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Williams David Michael

MERCK & CO., INC.

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KENILWORTH, NJ 07033

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP, Chief Info & Digital Officer

Signatures

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for David Michael Williams 2/28/2022

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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