

Merck & Co., Inc.  
Form 8-K  
October 04, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **October 4, 2018 (October 2, 2018)**

**Merck & Co., Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**New Jersey**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-6571**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-1918501**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2000 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, NJ**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**07033**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code **(908) 740-4000**

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**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§204.12b-2 of this chapter).

- o Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On October 2, 2018, Craig B. Thompson, M.D., notified Merck & Co., Inc. ( Merck or the Company ) of his resignation from the Board of Directors, effective immediately. Dr. Thompson's resignation from the Company's Board of Directors was not related to any disagreement with the Company on any matter related to the Company's operations, policies or practices. As a result of Dr. Thompson's resignation, the size of the Company's Board of Directors has been reduced from 13 to 12 directors, effective October 3, 2018.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Merck & Co., Inc.

Date: October 4, 2018

By: /s/ Faye C. Brown

Name:

Faye C. Brown

Title:

Senior Assistant Secretary