#### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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|  |   |                         |         |                   | or   | Section   | 1 30(h)  | of the  | Inves | tment C                                 | Company Act   | of 1940                |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|--|---|--|---|-------|---|---|------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  LILLY ENDOWMENT INC      |   |                         |         |                   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LILLY ELI & CO [ LLY ] |   |  |   |       |   |   |                        | 5. Relationship of Reportin<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director  |  |   |   | . ,   |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 2801 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET                 |   |                         |         |                   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2018 |  |   |       |   |   |                        |  | Officer (give title Other (specification) below) |   |   |   | (specify   |  |
| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46208-0068 (City) (State) (Zip)           |   |                         |         | _   4. l          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                   |   |  |   |       |   |   |                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |   |   |  |  |
|  |   | Tabl                    | e I - I | Non-Deriv         | vative   | Sec   | uritie   | s A   | cquir | ed, D                                   | isposed o   | of, or E               | Benefici   | ally O   | wne   | d |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye |   |                         | .       | Execution Date,   |  |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) 4. Securities A<br>Disposed Of ( |   |       | Acquired (A) or<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and |   | Secur<br>Benef<br>Owne |  | cially<br>I Following                            | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership           |  |  |
|  |   |                         |         |                   |  |   |  | Code V Amount   |       | (A) or (D) Price                        |   | т                      | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |   |   | (Instr. 4)  |  |  |
| Common   | Stock   |                         |         | 08/20/20          | 018  | 8   |  |   |       |   | 195,000   | D                      | \$105.8  | 85(1)  | 120,160,804   |   |   | D  |  |
|  |   | Та                      | ble I   |                   |  |   |  |   |       |   | posed of,<br>convertib  |                        |  |  | ned   |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) if any |         | ition Date, Trans |  | saction e (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)                               |  | 6. Date Exercisable ar<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |       |   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                        | 8. Price<br>Derivat<br>Securit<br>(Instr. 5  | tive<br>ty<br>5)                                 |   |   | o.<br>wnership<br>orm:<br>irect (D)<br>Indirect<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |                         |         |                   | Code   | v   | (A)  | (D)   | Date  | e<br>rcisable                           | Expiration Date   | Title                  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |  |   |   |   |  |  |

### **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 \$105.70 to \$106.26, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Eli Lilly & Company, any security holder of Eli Lilly & Company, 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 in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

## Remarks:

/s/Diane M. Stenson, Vice

President & Treasurer, on 08/21/2018

behalf of Lilly Endowment Inc.

\*\* 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).
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