FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smiley Joshua L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]									Check all ap Dire	plicable) ctor		% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2018								X belo	,		Other (specify below) CFO	
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285 (City) (State) (Zip)							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				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/						Execution		on Date, Transa Code							nd Secu	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or D)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111501.4)	
Common Stock 03/16						2018		S ⁽¹⁾		3,000		D	\$7	9.2	20,029				
Common Stock														1,863		401(k)			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date, Transact Code (In					6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	derivative Securities	Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
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Explanation of Responses:

1. The transaction reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 13, 2018.

Remarks:

Bronwen L. Mantlo for Joshua L. Smiley, authorization on file

** 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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