FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Smiley Joshua L  |  |  |   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ELI LILLY & Co [ LLY ] |  |                  |   |       |                    |   |   |   | onship of Reporting All applicable)  Director                 |  | 10% O   | · I  |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|------------------|---|-------|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER   |  |  |   |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2020  |                  |   |       |                    |   |   |   |   | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  SVP and CFO                |   |  |  |
| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS  | IN   | 46.  | 285   | 4  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)           |  |                  |   |       |                    |   | 6. Individ  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |   |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)  | (Ziţ                                       | ))  |  |  |  |                  |   |       |                    |   |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |   |  |  |  |                  |   |       |                    |   |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| Da   |  |  | Date  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any  |                  | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposition (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |       |                    | posed Of  | 5. Amount of Sec<br>Beneficially Own<br>Following Repor | ed D  | i. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D) or<br>ndirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial   |   |  |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |  | (Month   | (Month/Day/Year) |   | v     | Amount             |   | (A) or (D)  | Price   | Transaction(s) (II<br>and 4)                                  | nstr. 3  |   | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                                |  |
| Common Stock   |  |  |   | 10/  | /01/2020   | 1/2020   |                  | M   |       | 7,947              |   | A   | \$0   | 44,918  |  | D   |  |  |
| Common Stock   |  |  |   | 10/  | 10/01/2020   |  | F                |   | 3,482 |                    | D   | \$148.02  | 41,436  |   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock   |  |  |   |  |  |  |                  |   |       |                    |   |   | 2,130   |   | I  | 401(k)  |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |   |  |  |  |                  |   |       |                    |   |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security            | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa<br>Code (In                      | str. 8)  | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                    |       |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Se<br>Underlying Derivative Se<br>3 and 4) |   |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)           | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |
|  | Security   |  |   | Code                                       | v  | (A)  | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisa  | ole D | expiration<br>Date | on n  |   | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares  |   | Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4)   | ]` ′  |  |  |
| Restricted Stock Unit  | (1)  | 10/01/2020                                 |   | M  |  |  | 7,947            | 10/01/2020 10   |       | 0/01/2020          | Common Stock  |   | 7,947   | \$0   | 0  | D   |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Eli Lilly and Company common stock.

## Remarks:

Crystal T. Williams 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.

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Authorization Regarding Reporting Forms

I hereby authorize and designate the following persons to sign and file with the Commission on my behalf Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amen

Anat Hakim, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Bronwen L. Mantlo, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Crystal T. Williams, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

This authorization and designation shall remain in effect until a written revocation is signed by me and provided to the Commission.

Date: February 28, 2020

/s/ Joshua L. Smiley