FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Crowe Maria A | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (spec | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|----------|-----|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
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| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285 | | | 4.1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | 1 01001 | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non | ı-Deriv | vativ | e Se | curities | Acc | quired, D | isp | osed o | f, or Be | neficia | ly Owned | l | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/Date) | | | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5) | | | ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and | Benefici | es For ally (D) Following (I) | Form (D) o | Ownership rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Code V | | Amount | nount (A) or Pr | | Transac | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (IIIsu. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 01/27/ | | | | 7/201 | /2017 | | A | | 16,634 | 16,634 A \$ | | 38 109 | 109,118 | | D | | | |
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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. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea | Date, | Code (Insti | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | lly | Ownershij Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 01/27/2017 | | | A | | 17,060 | | 02/01/2018 | 02 | 2/01/2018 | Common Stock | 17,060 | \$0 | 17,060 |) | 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:

<u>Tiffany R. Benjamin for Maria</u> <u>A. Crowe, authorization on file</u>

01/31/2017

** 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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