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

(Mark One)

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 1-06571

Employer Identification Number: 22-1918501

Plan Number: 002

THE SCHERING-PLOUGH PUERTO RICO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

(Full title of the plan)

MERCK & CO., INC.

(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan)

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and Administrator of

The Schering-Plough Puerto Rico Employees' Retirement Savings Plan

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Schering-Plough Puerto Rico Employees' Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2013 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, New York

June 18, 2014

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
(in thousands)	2013	2012
Assets		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ -	\$ 37,720
Receivables		
Employer contributions	-	28
Participant contributions	-	37
Notes receivable from participants	-	1,613
Settlement receivable	-	92
Total receivables	-	1,770
Net assets available for benefits	\$ -	\$ 39,490

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Schering-Plough Puerto Rico Employees' Retirement Savings Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended December 31, 2013
(in thousands)	
Additions to net assets attributed to	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 156
Interest and dividends	102
Plan interest in Master Trust investment income	7,148
Net investment income	7,406
Interest income, notes receivable from participants	72
Contributions to the Plan	
By participants	1,690
By employer	1,136
Total contributions	2,826
Total additions	10,304
Deductions from net assets attributed to	
Benefits paid to participants	(2,909)
Total deductions	(2,909)
Net increase	7,395
Merger with affiliated plan	(46,885)
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year	39,490
End of year	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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The Schering-Plough Puerto Rico Employees' Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of Plan

The following description of The Schering-Plough Puerto Rico Employees' Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established effective April 1, 1990. The Plan is intended to encourage retirement savings by eligible employees of Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C. and any of its affiliated companies that adopt the Plan. Generally, all Puerto Rico employees of Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C. and Schering-Plough del Caribe, Inc. are eligible to participate in the Plan on the date of employment. Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck" or the "Company"), is the Plan sponsor (the "Sponsor"). The Plan's recordkeeper is Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company ("Fidelity" or the "Recordkeeper"). Banco Popular de Puerto Rico serves as the Plan's trustee (the "Trustee"). On August 30, 2013, employees of Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C. became employees of MSD International GmbH (Puerto Rico Branch) LLC and employees of Schering Plough del Caribe, Inc. became employees of Merck Sharp & Dohme (I.A.) LLC, formerly known as Merck Sharp & Dohme (I.A.) Corp. As a result, MSD International GmbH (Puerto Rico Branch) LLC and Merck Sharp & Dohme (I.A.) LLC, formerly known as Merck Sharp & Dohme (I.A.) Corp. became participating employers in the Plan, but only with respect to the transferred employees. Transferred employees remained participating in the Plan and did not become eligible to participate in the MSD Puerto Rico Employee Savings and Security Plan. Effective January 1, 2013, the Plan was amended to comply with U.S. code qualification requirements and the corresponding determination letter was requested from the Internal Revenue Service.

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into any fund investment option available under the Plan, including Merck common stock. At December 31, 2013, the Plan offered five (5) registered investment companies (mutual funds), four (4) common/collective trusts and 14 separately managed accounts.

The Plan is administered by management committees appointed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer, the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Board of Directors of Merck or their delegates.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Merger with Affiliated Plan

On December 31, 2013, the assets of the Plan merged into the MSD Puerto Rico Savings & Security Plan (formerly known as the MSD Puerto Rico Employee Savings and Security Plan). Effective January 1, 2014, participants of the Plan became eligible to participate in the MSD Puerto Rico Savings & Security Plan.

Master Trust

A portion of the assets of the Plan which was merged with the MSD Puerto Rico Savings & Security Plan (formerly known as the MSD Puerto Rico Employee Savings and Security Plan) (collectively, the "Puerto Rico Plans") are maintained, for investment purposes only, with all the assets of the MSD Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan, the Merck US Savings Plan, and the Telerx Marketing, Inc. 401(k) Plan in a single master trust (the "Master Trust"). The Puerto Rico Plans participate in the Master Trust for the specific limited purpose of enabling participants in the Puerto Rico Plans to invest in separately managed accounts, common/collective trusts and certain registered investment companies that are recordkept and trustee pursuant to the Master Trust agreement. The plans do not own specific Master Trust assets but rather maintain individual beneficial interests in such assets.

The portion of fund assets allocable to each plan is based upon the participants' account balance within each plan. Investment income for each fund is allocated to each plan based on the relationship of each plan's beneficial interest in the fund to the total beneficial interest of all plans in the fund.

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Contributions

The Plan is designed to permit eligible employees to elect to have a portion of their salary contributed to the Plan on their behalf ("Salary Deferral Contributions"). Under the provisions of the Plan, Salary Deferral Contributions can range from 1% up to certain regulated limits. Any excess participant contributions are returned to the participant. Also, Salary Deferral Contributions shall not exceed the lesser of: (i) \$15,000 or such other amount as in effect under Section 402(g) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "U.S. Code") or Section 1081.01(d)(7)(A) of the P.R. Code; or (ii) in the case of highly compensated employees, the average actual deferral percentage limit. Further, pre-tax contribution limits are computed aggregating all pre-tax contributions made to two or more plans described in Section 401(k) of the U.S. Code maintained by the Company and/or its affiliates, as if they were one single arrangement. The Plan administrator may, at any time during the Plan year, restrict the amount of pre-tax contributions allowed by highly compensated employees if it determines that such restriction is necessary in order to assure the Plan's compliance with the limitations of Section 1081.01(d) of the P.R. Code or Section 402(g) of the U.S. Code.

The Company makes matching contributions (dollar-for-dollar) up to 5% of each participant's base compensation applicable to the pay period in which the contribution is being made. Participant and Company matching contributions are invested according to a participant's elections.

Settlements

The Plan recorded receivables related to court-approved settlements to be distributed to the Plan in connection with ERISA lawsuits ("ERISA Lawsuits"). The ERISA Lawsuits are consolidated class actions alleging breaches of fiduciary duty by the Company by causing or permitting the Plan to imprudently invest in Company common stock or failing to provide material information regarding Company common stock to Plan participants.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's contributions, and an allocation of Plan earnings. The allocation is based on participants' account balances, as defined in the Plan document.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, all Company's matching contributions, plus actual earnings thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow against their account balances at fixed interest rates as determined by the Plan administrator. Loan terms range from one to five years for a short-term loan or up to twenty years for the purchase of a primary residence and bear interest at rates determined by the Plan administrator. The minimum loan is \$1,000. Participants may borrow against their account balance up to the lesser of one-half of the account balance or \$50,000 (reduced by certain amounts attributable to outstanding loans).

Payment of Benefits

Participants are entitled to receive automatic, voluntary, in-service (which include hardship withdrawals), or mandatory distributions as provided in the applicable Plan provisions.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Management believes that these estimates are adequate. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

All investments are recorded at fair value in the accompanying financial statements. Valuation of investments of the Plan that are in the Master Trust represents the Plan's allocable portion of the Master Trust. The Plan's investment is stated at fair value and is based on the beginning of year value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust plus actual Plan contributions and allocated investment income less Plan distributions, allocated investment losses and allocated expenses.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded as earned. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as benefit payments based upon the terms of the plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Contributions

Employee and Company matching contributions are recorded in the period in which the Company makes the payroll deductions from the participants' earnings.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are generally paid by the Company.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU 2013-09 Deferral of the Effective Date of Certain Disclosures for Nonpublic Employee Benefit Plans in Update No. 2011-04 ("ASU 2013-09"). ASU 2013-09 defers indefinitely the effective date of certain required disclosures in Update 2011-04 of qualitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 investment fair value measurements. The Plan was not impacted by the adoption of this new guidance as it did not hold any Level 3 assets at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options in investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks and may decline in value for a number of reasons, including changes in prevailing interest rates and credit availability, increases in defaults, increases in voluntary prepayments for investments that are subject to prepayment risk under normal market conditions, widening of credit spreads and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

3. Related-Party Transactions

Contributions are transmitted from the Trustee to the Recordkeeper, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income and makes distributions to the participants. The Recordkeeper also administers the collection of interest and principal on the notes receivable from participants. These transactions qualify as permitted party-in-interest transactions.

Certain Plan investments are shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) managed by the Recordkeeper. Fidelity is the Recordkeeper as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The total market value of the Plan's allocated portion of the investments managed by the Recordkeeper was \$0 and \$3.6 million at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. During 2013, the Plan's allocated portion of interest and dividends, realized gains and unrealized losses from investments managed by the Recordkeeper was \$3,513, \$104,925 and \$(106), respectively.

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Merck is also a party-in-interest to the Plan under the definition provided in Section 3(14) of ERISA. Therefore, Plan transactions of Merck common stock qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The market value of the Plan's allocated portion of the investments in Merck common stock was \$0 and \$2.2 million at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. During 2013, the Plan's allocated portion of dividends, realized gains and unrealized gains from Merck common stock was \$70,620, \$484,163 and \$170, respectively. The Plan's allocated portion of purchases and sales of Merck common stock during 2013 were \$78,894 and \$404,923, respectively.

4. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, each participant thereby affected would receive the entire value of his or her account as though he or she had retired as of the date of such termination.

5. Tax Status

The Plan is qualified under Section 1165 of the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 1994, as amended (the "1994 PR Code"), and has received a favorable determination letter from the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury (the "PR Treasury") as to its qualified status under the 1994 PR Code. As required by the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code for a New Puerto Rico, as amended (the "2011 PR Code"), the Plan filed for a favorable determination letter with the PR Treasury under the 2011 PR Code within the periods prescribed for this purpose. The Plan filed for a favorable determination letter with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as to its qualified status under the U.S. Code effective for all plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. No events have occurred with respect to the Plan or the associated Trust that, in substantial likelihood, would result in the Plan being disqualified by the PR Treasury. The Trust associated with the Plan is intended to be exempt from Puerto Rico income taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 1081.01(a) of the 2011 PR Code. The Plan's Master Trust is to be considered as an organization as described in Section 401(a) of the U.S. Code and exempt under Section 501(a) of the U.S. Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made. Finally, the Trust has complied with the requirements established by Section 1022(i)(1) of ERISA.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the PR Treasury pursuant to the provisions of the 1994 PR Code and the 2011 PR Code, as appropriate. The Company has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2013, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2010.

6. Master Trust and Investments

The Plan had a 0% and 0.44% interest in the Master Trust at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The net assets of the Master Trust are as follows:

	December 31,
(in thousands)	2012
Registered investment companies (mutual funds)	\$ 2,775,149
Common/collective trusts	2,678,924
Merck common stock	917,329
Other common stocks	881,547
Accrued interest and dividends	10,346

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Other net assets/(liabilities)	7,781
	\$ 7,271,076

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Total investment income of the Master Trust for the year ended December 31, 2013, is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2013
(in thousands)	
Investment income, net	
Interest and dividends	\$ 113,490
Net appreciation in Registered investment companies (mutual funds)	273,438
Net appreciation in Common/collective trusts	625,904
Net appreciation in Merck common stock	194,206
Net appreciation in Other common stocks	411,275
 Total investment income	 \$ 1,618,313

The following presents investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of year-end:
December 31,

(in thousands)	2012
Investment in Master Trust	\$ 31,719
Fidelity Retirement Money Market Portfolio	3,170

During 2013, the Plan's investments in registered investment companies (mutual funds) held outside of the Master Trust (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated \$155,967 in value.

7. Fair Value Measurements – Master Trust and Investments

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Entities are required to use a fair value hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. The Plan's Level 1 assets primarily include registered investment companies (mutual funds) and common stocks.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. The Plan's Level 2 assets primarily include investments in common/collective trusts.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are financial instruments whose values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant judgment or estimation. The Plan did not hold any Level 3 assets at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

If the inputs used to measure the financial assets and liabilities fall within more than one level described above, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument. There have been no changes in the valuation methodology used at December 31, 2013 and 2012. The policy of the Master Trust and the Plan is to recognize transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2.

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Within the Plan and Master Trust, investments are recorded at fair value as follows:

Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds)

Registered investment companies (mutual funds) are valued at their respective net asset values. The net asset values are typically determined by the fund at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Investments in registered investment companies (mutual funds) generally may be redeemed daily.

Common/Collective Trusts

The common/collective trusts are valued at their respective net asset values. The fair value of investments in the common/collective trusts are determined by their trustee. The Plan's investments in common/collective trusts generally may be redeemed daily.

Common Stocks

Common stocks, for which market quotations are readily available, are generally valued at the last reported sales price on their principal exchange on valuation date, or official close price for certain markets. If no sales are reported for that day, investments are valued at the more recent of (i) the last published sale price or (ii) the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices for long positions, or at fair value as determined in good faith by the Recordkeeper and the Company.

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Investments Measured at Fair Value

Investments measured at fair value are summarized below:

December 31, 2012

Fair Value Measurements Using

(in thousands)	Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets				
Registered Investment Companies				
US Small/Mid Cap Equity	\$ 567	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 567
Non-US Equity	655	-	-	655
Fixed Income	1,603	-	-	1,603
Cash and Short Term Investments	3,176	-	-	3,176
 Total Registered Investment Companies	 \$ 6,001	 \$ -	 \$ -	 \$ 6,001
Investments in the Master Trust				
Registered Investment Companies				
US Small/Mid Cap Equity	\$ 569,878	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 569,878
Non-US Equity	842,440	-	-	842,440
Fixed Income	813,605	-	-	813,605
Cash and Short Term Investments	549,226	-	-	549,226
 Common Collective Trusts				
US Large Cap Equity	-	1,550,591	-	1,550,591
US Small/Mid Cap Equity	-	368,805	-	368,805
Non-US Equity	-	362,206	-	362,206
Fixed Income	-	378,034	-	378,034
Cash and Short Term Investments	-	19,288	-	19,288
 Merck Common Stock	 917,329	 -	 -	 917,329
 Other Common Stocks				
U.S. Small Cap Equities	213,679	-	-	213,679
Large Cap Equities	667,868	-	-	667,868

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Total Investments in the Master Trust	\$ 4,574,025	\$ 2,678,924	\$ -	\$ 7,252,949
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8. Subsequent Events

In April 2013, the Executive Oversight Committee approved changes to the Plan that were effective January 1, 2014. Effective January 1, 2014, participants of the Plan became eligible to participate in the MSD Puerto Rico Savings & Security Plan (formerly known as the MSD Puerto Rico Employee Savings and Security Plan). The Company contribution changed to 75% of an employee's contribution up to a maximum of 6% of annual eligible compensation. In addition, the Plan permits unmatched pre-tax "catch-up contributions" of up to \$1,500 for 2014 by participants who are at least age 50 by year-end. There will also be a transition period when the Company will make an additional contribution of 0.5% of total eligible compensation until December 31, 2019.

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued.

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SIGNATURE

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

The Schering-Plough Puerto Rico Employees' Retirement Savings Plan

By: /s/ Mark E. McDonough
Mark E. McDonough
Senior Vice President and Treasurer
June 18, 2014

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