FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)									
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(Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2004								Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify	
						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285													Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)														Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Non-	Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	of, or Be	neficial	ly Owned	k k				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Code (I	Ansaction de (Instr. 3, 5) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				Benefici Owned I	es Formalially (D) (Following (I) (I		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Transac	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	Date		Amount of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Director stock option (right to	\$73.11	02/17/2004	02/17/200	04	A		2,800		02/19/2007	7 0	2/14/2014	Common Stock	2,800	\$0	2,800		D		

Explanation of Responses:

Bronwen Mantlo for Karen N. Horn, authorization on file

02/19/2004

** 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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