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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 11-K**

**FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE, SAVINGS AND SIMILAR PLANS**

**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, 2011

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: 003

SCHERING-PLOUGH EMPLOYEES 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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\* Other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Participants and Administrator of

Schering-Plough Employees' 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 Schering-Plough Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011 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.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, New York  
June 26, 2012

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**Schering-Plough Employees Savings Plan**

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 1,921,334,221	\$ 2,239,231,983
Receivables		
Dividends		3,140,400
Employer contribution	680,213	182,433
Participant contributions	2,038,392	110,521
Notes receivable from participants	27,569,381	30,396,911
Total receivables	30,287,986	33,830,265
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 1,951,622,207	\$ 2,273,062,248

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

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	<b>Year Ended December 31,  2011</b>
<b>Additions to net assets attributed to</b>	
Investment income (loss)	
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (173,589,991)
Interest and dividends	26,756,334
Plan interest in Master Trust investment income	136,807,020
 Net investment loss	 (10,026,637)
Interest income, notes receivable from participants	1,399,273
Contributions to the Plan	
By participants	82,950,060
By employer	47,035,568
 Total contributions	 129,985,628
 Total additions	 121,358,264
 <b>Deductions from net assets attributed to</b>	
Benefits paid to participants	(442,798,305)
 Total deductions	 (442,798,305)
 Net decrease	 (321,440,041)
 <b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	
Beginning of year	2,273,062,248
 End of year	 \$ 1,951,622,207

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

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### **Schering-Plough Employees' Savings Plan**

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### **1. Description of Plan**

The following description of the Schering-Plough Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

##### **General**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan maintained for the benefit of a majority of United States employees of Schering Corporation and its participating subsidiaries. Schering Corporation, a subsidiary of Merck & Co, Inc. ("Merck" or the "Company"), is the Plan Sponsor (the "Sponsor").

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into any fund investment option available under the Plan, including Merck common stock. Through September 30, 2011, the Plan offered 14 registered investment companies (mutual funds) and one separately managed account. On October 1, 2011, the investment options changed resulting in the Plan offering 5 registered investment companies, 4 common/collective trusts and 14 separately managed accounts. Also, effective October 1, 2011, the Plan's trustee and recordkeeper changed from Vanguard Group, Inc. to Fidelity Management Trust Company. Generally, all employees of Schering Corporation are eligible to participate in the Plan on the date of employment. 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").

##### **Master Trust**

On October 1, 2011, the assets of the Plan were combined, for investment purposes only, with the assets of the MSD Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan, the MSD Employee Savings and Security Plan, the Retirement Savings Plan for the Organon BioSciences US Affiliates, and the Telerx Marketing, Inc. 401(k) Plan into a single master trust (the "Master Trust"). In addition, a portion of the MSD Puerto Rico Employee Savings and Security Plan and The Schering-Plough Puerto Rico Employees' Retirement Savings Plan (collectively, 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 and common/collective trusts which are record-kept 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.

##### **Contributions by Participants**

**Salary Deferral Contributions** For each Plan year, participants may contribute from 1 percent to 50 percent of annual eligible compensation, up to an annual maximum amount as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Voluntary Contributions** Participants may voluntarily elect to contribute from 1 percent to 20 percent of their annual eligible compensation as after-tax contributions.

**Age 50 and above** In addition, the Plan permits unmatched pre-tax "catch-up" contributions of up to \$5,500 for 2011 by participants who are at least age 50 by year-end.



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In no event can a participant's Salary Deferral Contributions and Voluntary Contributions exceed 50 percent of the participant's annual eligible compensation. Any excess participant contributions are returned to the participant.

### **Contributions by Employer**

*Non-Elective Contributions* The Company makes a Non-Elective Contribution equal to 3 percent of the annual eligible compensation for all employees who are eligible to participate in the Plan regardless of whether an employee has elected to make Salary Deferral Contributions.

*Matching Contributions* For the employees who elect to make Salary Deferral Contributions to the Plan, the Company makes matching contributions (dollar-for-dollar) up to 2 percent of annual eligible compensation.

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### **Schering-Plough Employees Savings Plan**

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### **Participant Accounts**

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with contributions and earnings thereon and charged with withdrawals and losses.

#### **Vesting**

Participants have a non-forfeitable right to their contributions, non-elective employer contributions and employer matching contributions plus (minus) actual earnings (losses) thereon, all of which vest fully and immediately. Participant contributions and all employer contributions are participant-directed.

#### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow from their account balances at fixed interest rates determined to be reasonable by the Merck & Co., Inc. Oversight Committee (the Committee). 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 that range from 4.25% to 10.5%. 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**

Upon termination of service or in the event of death or total disability, a participant (or the participant's beneficiary in the event of death) may elect to receive either: (1) a cash lump-sum amount; (2) fixed or variable installments not to exceed the life expectancy of the participant and the participant's beneficiary; (3) shares of Merck common stock (with respect to amounts invested in Merck Common Stock); or (4) certain combinations of the foregoing. In-service distributions and hardship withdrawals are made throughout the year in accordance with 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.

### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

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Valuation of investments of the Plan represents the Plan's allocable portion of the Master Trust. All investments are recorded at fair value in the accompanying financial statements. The Plan's investment is stated at fair value and is based on the beginning 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. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

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Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

#### **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**

All plan administration expenses are paid by the Company.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) amended the existing disclosure guidance on fair value measurements, which was effective January 1, 2010, except for disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, which was effective January 1, 2011. Among other things, the updated guidance requires additional disclosure for the amounts of significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 measurements and requires certain Level 3 disclosures on a gross basis. Additionally, the updates amend existing guidance to require a greater level of disaggregated information and more robust disclosures about valuation techniques and inputs to fair value measurements. Since the amended guidance requires only additional disclosures, the adoption of the provisions did not impact the Plan's net assets available for benefits or changes in net assets available for benefits.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04 Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS ( ASU 2011-04 ). ASU 2011-04 is intended to improve the comparability of fair value measurements presented and disclosed in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and IFRS. The amendments are of two types: (i) those that clarify the Board's intent about the application of existing fair value measurement and disclosure requirements and (ii) those that change a particular principle or requirement for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurements. The update is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Plan management is in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of this update on the Plan's financial statements.

#### **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 held and managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income and makes distributions to the participants. The Trustee also administers the participant's payment 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 Trustee. The Trustee changed from Vanguard Group, Inc. ( Vanguard ) to Fidelity Management Trust Company ( Fidelity ) effective October 1, 2011. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the total market value of investments in the mutual funds managed by the Trustee was \$165,614,011 and \$1,767,693,064, respectively. During 2011, the Plan's allocated portion of income from investments

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managed by Fidelity and Vanguard were \$597,856 and \$(79,193,371), respectively.

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 investments in Merck common stock was \$130,062,084 and \$294,579,836 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. During 2011, the Plan's allocated portion of income and from Merck common stock was \$(3,824,637).

**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 received a favorable determination letter dated May 30, 2003 issued by the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) indicating that the Plan meets the requirements of Section 401(a) of the Code, and that the Trust of the Plan is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Sponsor, based on advice from the Plan's tax counsel, believes that the Plan continues to be designed in material compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code, and the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently being operated in material compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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 IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2011, there are no uncertain 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 2008.

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The Plan had an approximate 29% interest in the Master Trust at December 31, 2011. The net assets of the Master Trust are as follows:

	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2011</b>
Registered investment companies (mutual funds)	\$ 2,542,034,089
Common/collective trusts	2,393,149,871
Merck common stock	882,978,908
Other common stocks	778,007,033
Accrued interest and dividends	11,056,146
Other Net Assets	(5,712,585)
	<b>\$ 6,601,513,462</b>

Total investment income of the Master Trust for the year ended December 31, 2011, is as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2011</b>
Investment income, net	
Interest and dividends	\$ 101,502,769
Net depreciation in Registered investment companies (mutual funds)	(92,454,540)
Net appreciation in Common/collective trusts	64,245,307
Net appreciation in Merck common stock	46,615,834
Net depreciation in Other common stocks	(4,886,931)
Total investment income	<b>\$ 115,022,439</b>

The following investments represented five percent or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits at either December 31, 2011 or December 31, 2010:

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December 31,

	2011	2010
Investment in Master Trust	\$ 1,921,334,221	\$ -
Merck Common Stock	-	294,579,836
Vanguard Windsor Fund Investor Shares	-	268,049,043
Vanguard 500 Index Fund Signal Shares	-	249,400,246
Vanguard Wellington Fund Investor Shares	-	245,351,634
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	-	223,610,358
Vanguard International Growth Fund Investor Shares	-	177,844,069
Columbia Acorn Fund Class Z Shares	-	176,959,083
Vanguard Admiral Treasury Money Market Fund	-	172,093,217

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During 2011, the Plan's investments held outside of the Master Trust (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated/(depreciated) in value as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2011</b>
Net depreciation in Registered investment companies (mutual funds)	\$ (146,510,351)
Net depreciation in Merck Common Stock	(27,079,640)
 Total	 \$ (173,589,991)

**7. Fair Value Measurements**

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 which 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, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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, 2011 and 2010.

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

**Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds)**

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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 trustee and the Company.

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Investments measured at fair value are summarized below:

December 31, 2011

Fair Value Measurements Using

	Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets				
<i>Investments in the Master Trust</i>				
<b>Registered Investment Companies</b>				
US Small/Mid Cap Equity	\$ 507,350,373	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 507,350,373
Non-US Equity	747,273,595			747,273,595
Fixed Income	714,863,725			714,863,725
Cash and Short Term Investments	572,546,396			572,546,396
<b>Common Collective Trusts</b>				
US Large Cap Equity		1,389,217,431		1,389,217,431
US Small/Mid Cap Equity		323,578,409		323,578,409

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Non-US Equity	319,706,079	319,706,079
Fixed Income	336,337,766	336,337,766
Cash and Short Term Investments	24,310,186	24,310,186
<b>Merck Common Stock</b>	882,978,908	882,978,908
<b>Other common stocks</b>		
U.S. Small Cap Equities	198,753,600	198,753,600
Large Cap Equities	579,253,433	579,253,433
Total Investments in the Master Trust	\$ 4,203,020,030 \$ 2,393,149,871 \$ - \$ 6,596,169,901	

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December 31, 2010

Fair Value Measurements Using

	Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)				Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets							
<b>Registered Investment Companies</b>							
US Large Cap Equity	\$	566,363,506	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 566,363,506
US Small/Mid Cap Equity		176,959,083					176,959,083
Non-US Equity		177,844,069					177,844,069
Fixed Income		174,604,637					174,604,637
Balanced Fund (Stocks and Bonds)		453,177,277					453,177,277
Cash and Short Term Investments		395,703,575					395,703,575
<b>Merck Common Stock</b>		294,579,836					294,579,836
Total	\$	2,239,231,983	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 2,239,231,983

**8. Subsequent Events**

In December 2011, the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Board of Directors approved changes to the Plan that will be effective January 1, 2013. The Company contribution was changed to 75% of an employee's contribution up to a maximum of 6% of annual eligible compensation and the non-elective contributions were eliminated. There will be a transition period where the Company will make an additional contribution of 0.5% of total pay until December 31, 2019.

On May 1, 2012, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (MSD) was merged into the Plan Sponsor and the surviving entity was renamed Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued.

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
**	Master Trust	Investment in Master Trust	***	\$ 1,921,334,221
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 10.5% and with maturities through 2031		27,569,381
		Total		\$ 1,948,903,602

\* Denotes a party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\* There are certain investments within the Master Trust that are party-in-interest.

\*\*\* Cost information not required to be presented for participant directed investments.

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**SIGNATURE**

*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustee (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.

Schering-Plough Employees Savings Plan

By: /s/ Mark E. McDonough

Mark E. McDonough  
Vice President and Treasurer

Date: June 26, 2012

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