

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<u>Alton Gregg H</u>			<u>GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]</u>		Director 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
<u>GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.</u>			<u>01/02/2018</u>		<u>EVP Comm&Acs ALA, Corp&Med Aff</u>	
<u>333 LAKESIDE DRIVE</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(Street)					X Form filed by One Reporting Person	
<u>FOSTER CITY CA 94404</u>					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/02/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		8,625	A	\$24.905	64,613	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2018		S		8,625	D	\$74	55,988	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2018		S		700	D	\$72.3371 ⁽³⁾	55,288	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2018		S		5,675	D	\$73.8561 ⁽⁴⁾	49,613	D	

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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$24.905	01/02/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		8,625	(2)	07/29/2019	Common Stock	8,625	\$0	7,501	D

Explanation of Responses:

- The exercise and sale transactions reported in this Form 4 are made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- The options have a five year vesting schedule. 20% vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant. The balance will vest 5% quarterly thereafter until fully vested.
- Sale prices reported for the transactions reported here range from \$71.88 to \$72.87. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.
- Sale prices reported for the transactions reported here range from \$73.37 to \$74.24. Full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or its shareowners upon request.

/s/ Marissa Song by Power of Attorney for Gregg H. Alton 01/04/2018

** 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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