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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD] Pletcher Brett A (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person FOSTER CITY, Â CAÂ 94404 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP, Gen Counsel & Corp Sec Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 18,941

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	· ·		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security Direct (D)		
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	07/29/2019	Common Stock	7,200	\$ 24.905	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	07/22/2020	Common Stock	2,400	\$ 16.89	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/26/2022	Common Stock	35,400	\$ 24.295	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/01/2023	Common Stock	32,560	\$ 40.56	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/01/2024	Common Stock	25,780	\$ 80.65	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/01/2025	Common Stock	23,460	\$ 104.83	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	08/10/2025	Common Stock	14,830	\$ 116.58	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/01/2026	Common Stock	53,590	\$ 84.05	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/02/2027	Common Stock	73,480	\$ 72.25	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/01/2028	Common Stock	69,200	\$ 83.49	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	4,140	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Pletcher Brett A 333 LAKESIDE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404	Â	Â	EVP, Gen Counsel & Corp Sec	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Brett A.
Pletcher

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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⁽¹⁾ The shares subject to the option have a five-year vesting schedule. 20% vest on the first anniversary of the date of the grant. The balance will vest 5% quarterly thereafter until fully vested.

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- (2) The shares subject to the option have a four-year vesting schedule. 25% vest on the first anniversary of the date of the grant. The balance will vest 6.25% quarterly thereafter until fully vested.
- (3) The restricted stock units have a four-year vesting schedule. 25% vest on each yearly anniversary of the date of grant until fully vested.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of Gilead Sciences, Inc.'s common stock.

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