UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Smith Julie | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>EXELIXIS, INC.</u> [EXEL] | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (I C/O EXELIXIS, INC. 210 EAST GRAND AVE. | /O EXELIXIS, INC. | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2018 | | | | | | | Officer (give title | below) | Other (spe | ecify below) | | |
| FRANCISCO | CA | | 94080 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (: | State) | (Zi | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | Execu | Execution Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securi 3, 4 and | | ities Acquired (A) or Dispose 5) | Be | D) (Instr. 5. Amount of Securiti Beneficially Owned F Reported Transaction | | Ownership Form: ect (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. | | | |
| | | (Month/Day | /Year) if any (Mont | (Month/Day/Year) | | Amount | (A) or (D) | | str. 3 and 4) | 1(S) (INS | str. 4) | 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) | | | 4. Transac (Instr. 8) | tion Code | 5. Number of Securities Ac Disposed of (and 5) | quired (A) or | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Secu Derivative Security (Instr. 3 | rities Underlying and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | e Form: Direct s (D) or Indirect lly (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | s) | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$20.5 | 05/24/2018 | | A | | 31,167 | | 05/24/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/23/2025 | Common Stock | 31,167 | \$0 | 31,167 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option granted pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. The option is exercisable immediately, subject to repurchase provisions, and will vest as to 1/12th of the shares subject to the option each month following the date of grant, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service through such dates.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Jennifer Drimmer Rokovich, Attorney in 05/24/2018

Fact
** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Michael M. Morrissey, Christopher J. Senner and Jennifer Drimmer Rokovich of Exelix: The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, c This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Schedules 13D and 13G with resp In Witness Whereof, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of December, 2017.

Julie Ann Smith Print Name

/s/ Julie Ann Smith Signature