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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person * Nielsen		eporting	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC [MACK]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/31/2012	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Origina Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201 (Street)  CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139				(Check all applicable  Director 10%X Officer 0th (give title below) (specify be SVP and CSO		Owner	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)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securit	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Sec (Instr. 4)	urity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	*	
Common Stock			247,443		D Â			
Reminder: Re			ach class of securities benefic	ially SI	EC 1473 (7-02	2)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	08/02/2012	Common Stock	4,368	\$ 2.19	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/08/2013	Common Stock	10,483	\$ 2.19	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	08/30/2014	Common Stock	150,000	\$ 1.25	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	08/03/2015	Common Stock	82,977	\$ 1.71	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	08/03/2015	Common Stock	17,023	\$ 1.71	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	10/03/2016	Common Stock	48,175	\$ 2.47	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	10/03/2016	Common Stock	26,825	\$ 2.47	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	10/04/2017	Common Stock	53,378	\$ 2.59	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	10/04/2017	Common Stock	146,622	\$ 2.59	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	09/21/2018	Common Stock	250,000	\$ 1.81	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	11/04/2019	Common Stock	180,000	\$ 2.12	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	01/31/2020	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 2.12	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	10/14/2020	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 2.69	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	12/21/2020	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 2.69	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	05/02/2021	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 5.54	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Nielsen Ulrik B.	Â	Â	SVP and CSO	Â	
C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.					

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ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201 CAMBRIDGE, MAÂ 02139

### **Signatures**

/s/ Jeffrey A. Munsie, attorney-in-fact

02/01/2012

\*\*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).
- (1) This option is fully vested.
- (2) This option vested as to 1/12th of the shares on each of November 5, 2009 and February 1, 2010 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until August 1, 2012.
- (3) This option vested as to 1/12th of the shares on April 1, 2010 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until January 1, 2013.
- (4) This option vested as to 1/12th of the shares on each of October 15, 2010 and January 1, 2011 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until July 1, 2013.
- (5) This option vested as to 1/6th of the shares on January 1, 2011 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until July 1, 2013.
- (6) This option vested as to 1/12th of the shares on August 1, 2011 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until May 1, 2014. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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