

MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC

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NEEDHAM THOMAS E. JR.

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	ONE KENDALL SQUARE SUITE B7201 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139
Telephone	617-441-1000
CIK	0001274792
Symbol	MACK
SIC Code	2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations
Industry	Biotechnology & Medical Research
Sector	Healthcare
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 * Needham Thomas E. Jr.		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC [MACK]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Business Officer	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/1/2017			
(Street) CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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			

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (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				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.28	8/1/2017		A		450000		<u>(1)</u>	7/31/2027	Common Stock	450000	\$0.00	450000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This option vests as to 1/6th of the total number of shares granted on 1/24/18 and an additional 1/12th of the total number of shares granted at the end of each successive three month period thereafter until 7/24/20.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Needham Thomas E. Jr. C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139			Chief Business Officer	

Signatures

/s/ **Brian J. Kickham, attorney-in-fact**

8/3/2017

--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).

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