FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PORTER MICHAEL E						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC [MACK]									5. Relationship of Reportin Check all applicable) X Director Officer (give title		10	o Issuer 6 Owner er (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2013									belo			ow)	
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	-7				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			s Acquire f (D) (Ins	ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 aı	nd 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownershi Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(11150.4)	
Common Stock 12/16/20					2013	13			P		12,500	A	\$4.7	\$4.7098(1)		58,365	D		
Common Stock 12/17/20					2013)13			P		12,500	A	\$4.7	\$4.7951(2)		470,865			
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)	Derivative Conversion Date Executive Conversion Onte (Month/Day/Year) Fany			emed 4. Ion Date, Transic Code (Day/Year) 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4)		Deri Sec (Ins	rice of vative urity tr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)		
			Code	v	(A)	(A) (D)		Date Expirati Exercisable Date		Title	or Numbe of Shares								

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.6760 to \$4.73, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within such range.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.788 to \$4.80, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within such range.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Munsie, attorney-12/18/2013 in-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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