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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 25, 2019**

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**Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35409**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-3210530**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Kendall Square, Suite B7201**  
**Cambridge, MA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**02139**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 441-1000**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:**

**Title of each class**  
**Common stock**

**Trading Symbol(s)**  
**MACK**

**Name of each exchange on which registered**  
**Nasdaq Global Market**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 2.05. Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.**

On April 25, 2019, the Board of Directors of Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) committed to a course of action to implement a reduction in headcount, after which the Company expects to have approximately 13 employees. The reduction in headcount is primarily focused on the Company’s clinical organization as a result of the discontinuation of development of the Company’s MM-310 product candidate, the discontinuation of which was announced on April 4, 2019. The reduction in headcount is expected to be substantially completed by May 31, 2019 and fully completed by July 2019. The Company estimates that it will incur charges for one-time termination benefits in connection with this reduction in headcount of approximately \$1.5 million to \$1.7 million for employee severance, benefits and related costs, all of which are expected to result in cash expenditures.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: April 30, 2019

By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Munsie  
Jeffrey A. Munsie  
General Counsel