FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Drummond Daryl C						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ MACK ]							Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable)     Director     X Officer (give title			ner pecify
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018							Head of Research				
(Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 02139  (City) (State) (Zip)				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5)			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s Form Illy (D) o ollowing (I) (In		Direct Condition of the Direct Education of the Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)	}			
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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	ate, Transa Code (I		5. Numb of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (II 3, 4 and	ve es d ed nstr.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.74	02/15/2018		A		40,000		(1)	02/14/2028	Common Stock	40,000	\$0.00	40,000		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This option vests as to 1/12th of the total number of shares granted on 5/15/18 and an additional 1/12th of the total number of shares granted at the end of each successive three month period thereafter until 2/15/21.

## Remarks:

/s/ Brian J. Kickham, attorneyin-fact

02/16/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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