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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Khan Fazal R.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2012		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC [MACK]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title Other (specify					
ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201			X Officer (give title below) SVP of Manufacture SV	below)	6. Ind	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139					^		y More than One	
(City) (State) (Zip)								
	Table I - No	n-Derivat	ive Securities Beneficial	ly Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ((Instr. 5)	m: Direct (D) (Instr. 5) ndirect (I)		re of Indirect Beneficial Ownership 5)	
(e			e Securities Beneficially nts, options, convertible		s)			
	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	Expiration D	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	Expiration D	ate	Underlying Derivative Securit		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership	
Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Stock Option (right to buy)	Expiration D. (Month/Day/\) Date	ate Year) Expiration	Underlying Derivative Securit	Amount or Number of	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial Ownership	
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Stock Option (right to buy)	Expiration D (Month/Day/\) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date 02/24/2016	Underlying Derivative Security Title Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Beneficial Ownership	
Stock Option (right to buy) Stock Option (right to buy)	Date Exercisable (1)	Expiration Date 02/24/2016 10/03/2016	Title Common Stock Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares 150,000 23,412	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 1.71 2.47	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Beneficial Ownership	
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Explanation of Responses:

- 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 1/6th of the shares on January 1, 2011 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until July 1, 2013.
- 4. This option vested as to 1/12 th of the shares on August 1, 2011 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until May 1, 2014.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Munsie, attorney-02/01/2012 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 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of William A. Sullivan, Jeffrey A. Munsie, Ian R. Kaminski and Christopher J. Frankenfield, signing singly and each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power and authority as hereinafter described to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an Officer and a Director of Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, prepare, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely deliver and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority, including without limitation the filing of a Form ID or any other application materials to enable the undersigned to gain or maintain access to the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system of the SEC;
- (3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such third party to release any such information to the herein appointed attorney-in-fact and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming nor relieving, nor is the Company assuming nor relieving, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Company nor the foregoing attorneys-in-fact assume (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with the SEC with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 3rd day of October, 2011.

/s/ Fazal R. Khan, Ph.D.

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