UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 15, 2014

Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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)

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):

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On December 15, 2014, Sarah E. Nash provided notice of her resignation from the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), effective as of December 31, 2014.

(d) On December 16, 2014, the Board elected Russell T. Ray as a director of the Company, effective as of January 1, 2015, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Nash. Mr. Ray was also elected to serve on the Audit Committee of the Board, effective as of January 1, 2015.

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.

Date: December 17, 2014

MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Jeffrey A. M</u>unsie

Jeffrey A. Munsie Vice President and General Counsel