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*     Sullivan William A.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS  INC [ MACK ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (spec					ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/13/2012									X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  CFO and Treasurer					
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 (City) (State) (Zip)				_ 4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curities	Ac	quired, D	Disp	osed o	f, or Be	neficia	lly	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		Code (In	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquir I Of (D) (Ins				s illy ollowing	Form	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		,	Transact (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)			,iiisu. 4)	
	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 D if any (Month/Day/	Date,	4. Transa Code (l 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivat Securit		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.8	06/13/2012			A		10,000		(1)	0	6/12/2022	Common Stock	10,000	0	\$0	10,000	)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This option vests as to 1/12th of the total number of shares on 9/13/12 and an additional 1/12th of the total number of shares at the end of each successive three month period thereafter until 6/13/15.

/s/ William A. Sullivan

06/14/2012

\*\* 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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