## 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): July 24, 2019

# **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 Broadway, 14th Floor Cambridge, MA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02142 (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):

□ 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))

Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	MACK	Nasdaq Global Market

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  $\Box$ 

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.

#### Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

The Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors of Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") has completed the process to identify and appoint a successor independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. As a result of this process, on July 24, 2019, the Audit Committee engaged Marcum LLP.

During the Company's fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2018 and the subsequent interim period through July 24, 2019, neither the Company nor anyone on its behalf has consulted with Marcum LLP on any matter that:

- (i) involved the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, and neither a written report nor oral advice was provided to the Company that Marcum LLP concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or
- (ii) was either the subject of a "disagreement" (as such term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions to Item 304 of Regulation S-K) or a "reportable event" (as such term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

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: July 26, 2019

### MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Timothy R. Surgenor

Timothy R. Surgenor Secretary