

Niyikiza Clet M.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Niyikiza Clet M.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,Â ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CAMBRIDGE,Â MAÂ 02139</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/31/2012</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC [MACK]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP of Development</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

<p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	11/04/2019	Common Stock	200,000	\$ 2.12	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	01/31/2020	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 2.12	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	12/21/2020	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 2.69	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	05/02/2021	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 5.54	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Niyikiza Clet M. C/O MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE KENDALL SQUARE, SUITE B7201 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139	Â	Â	Â EVP of Development	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Clet M. Niyikiza  
Date: 02/01/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) This option vested as to 1/6th of the shares on February 1, 2010 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until August 1, 2012.
- (2) This option vested as to 1/12th of the shares on April 1, 2010 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until January 1, 2013.
- (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 1/12th of the shares on August 1, 2011 and vests in equal quarterly installments thereafter until May 1, 2014.

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