CUBIST PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form SC TO-C December 09, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(D)(1) OR 13(E)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

CUBIST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

MAVEC CORPORATION

(Offeror)

A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of

MERCK & CO., INC.

(Offeror)

(Names of Filing Persons (identifying status as offeror, issuer or other person))

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

229678107

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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