



DIVISION OF  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Richard Peters, M.D., Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
One Kendall Square, Suite B7201  
Cambridge, MA 02139

**Re: Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed December 15, 2017  
File No. 333-222093**

Dear Mr. Peters:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Ada D. Sarmiento at 202-551-3798 with any questions.

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cc: Brian A. Johnson, Esq.