Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Form 4

March 20, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Zhang Jack Y. Issuer Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Check all applicable) [AMPH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director X__ 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O AMPHASTAR 03/16/2017 CEO & Chief Scientific Officer PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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Table I - Non-Derivative	Committee A coming	d Diamond of a	w Danafiaially Owner	1

Person

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/16/2017		A	156,554 (1)	A	\$ 0	1,244,889	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2017		F	23,108 (2)	D	\$ 13.75	1,221,781	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2017		A	67,415 (1)	A	\$ 0	819,736	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock	03/17/2017		F	9,951 (2)	D	\$ 13.75	809,785	I	See footnote

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			(3)
Common Stock	7,461,594	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	5,000	I	See footnote (5)
Common Stock	200,000	I	See footnote (6)

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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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.69	03/16/2017		A	490,477	<u>(7)</u>	03/16/2025	Common Stock	490,47
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.69	03/16/2017		A	211,213	<u>(7)</u>	03/16/2025	Common Stock	211,21

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Zhang Jack Y.	X	X	CEO & Chief Scientific Officer			
C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.						

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Luo Mary Z. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET

X X

COO, Chief Scientist, Chairman

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney for Jack Y.
Zhang

03/20/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney for Mary Z. Luo

03/20/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- The reported shares are represented by restricted stock units, or RSUs, which vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2018.
- (2) The reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of RSUs.
- (3) The securities are held of record by Mary Z. Luo. The reporting persons are husband and wife.
- (4) The shares are held of record by APCL, of which the reporting persons are the sole owners.
- The shares are held of record in an account for the benefit of the reporting persons' son. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial (5) ownership of these shares, and the inclusion of these shares in this report should not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any such shares for purposes of Section 16, or for any other purpose.
- The shares are held of record by a trust for the benefit of the reporting persons' son. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership (6) of these shares, and the inclusion of these shares in this report should not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any such shares for purposes of Section 16, or for any other purpose.
- (7) Shares subject to the option vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2018.

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