Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Form 4

March 28, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

or

Following Reported

Amount (D) Code V Price

F 614 (1) D 13.76

35,248

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect

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(Last)

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(City)

(Zip)

Symbol

[AMPH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/26/2017

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

Person

Beneficially Owned

5. Amount of

Securities

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

D

Stock

Common

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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						Exercisable Date	Title Number				
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Gerst Diane G. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of 03/28/2017 attorney

**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 were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units, or **(1)**

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