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FORM 4

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CEO & Chief Scientific Officer

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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

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]

05/15/2018

_X__ 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director __Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below)

C/O AMPHASTAR 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 _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	etion Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquay/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	· · ·	
Common Stock	05/15/2018		P	25,000	A	\$ 16.0788 (1)	2,065,619	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2018		P	15,000	A	\$ 16.0569 (2)	2,080,619	D	
Common Stock							1,346,129	I	See footnote (3)

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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)

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

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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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. conNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	Amou Under Secur	le and unt of rlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Zhang Jack Y. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	X	X	CEO & Chief Scientific Officer						
Luo Mary Z. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	X	X	COO,Chief Scientist & Chairman						

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Signatures

/s/ Eva H. Wen, by power of attorney for Jack Y.
Zhang
05/17/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Eva H. Wen, by power of attorney for Mary Z.
Luo
05/17/2018

**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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.762 to \$16.50 inclusive. The reporting persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1) and (2) to this Form 4.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.997 to \$16.063, inclusive.
- (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 and The Bill Luobei Zhang 2004 Irrevocable Trust (the "BLZ Trust") 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 the BLZ Trust. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares, and the inclusion of (6) 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.

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