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FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Shandell Jason B.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[AMPH]

(Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 07/11/2018

below) below)

President and General Counsel

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

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)

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

4. Securities Acquired (A) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Code V Price Amount \$ Common $S^{(1)}$ 07/11/2018 14,399 D 16.7666 199.505 ⁽³⁾ D Stock (2)

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	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Other Director 10% Owner Officer

President and General Counsel

Shandell Jason B.

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

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Signatures

/s/ Eva Wen, by power of 07/12/2018 attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- (1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on May 30, 2018.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.61
- to \$16.92, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes 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 sold at each separate price.
- (3) Includes 1,343 shares acquired under the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on May 31, 2018.

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