

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Zhang Jack Y.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
[AMPH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2015

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO & Chief Science Officer

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RANCHO  
CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/09/2015		S(1)				See footnote (3)
					\$		
					14.2913	7,498,575	
					(2)		
Common Stock	12/10/2015		S(1)				See footnote (3)
					\$		
					14.3228	7,476,660	
					(4)		
Common Stock	12/11/2015		S(1)				See footnote (3)
					\$		
					14.0539	7,461,594	
					(5)		

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Common Stock	920,117	D	
Common Stock	670,147	I	See footnote (6)
Common Stock	5,000	I	See footnote (7)
Common Stock	200,000	I	See footnote (8)

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

## Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney for Jack Y.  
Zhang 12/11/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney for Mary Z.  
Luo 12/11/2015

\_\_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).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Applied Physics & Chemistry Laboratories, Inc., or APCL, on September 4, 2015.  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.09 to \$14.74 inclusive. The reporting persons 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 within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2), (4) and (5) to this Form 4.
- (2) The shares are held of record by APCL, of which the reporting persons are the sole owners.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.205 to \$14.93, inclusive.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$13.825 to \$14.35, inclusive.
- (5) The securities are held of record by Mary Z. Luo. The reporting persons are husband and wife.  
The shares are held of record in an account for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial 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.
- (6) The shares are held of record by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial 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.

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