Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Form 3 June 24, 2014

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> PETERS			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/24/2014	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
C/O AMPH	ASTAR								
PHARMAC				(Check	k all applicable				
INC., 115	70 6TH ST	REET		r 10%					
(Street)				X_ Officer Other			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
				(give title below) (specify below) CFO, Sr VP & Treasurer			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting		
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730							Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr			
Common St	ock		14,722 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â			
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of Derivative	Form of Derivative Security:	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	04/21/2024	Common Stock	118,553	\$ 14.4	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Ι	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PETERS WILLIAM J C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	, INC.	Â	Â	CFO, Sr VP & Treasurer	Â		
Signatures							
/s/William J. Peters, by Power of Attorney	06/24/2014						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
Explanation of Responses:							

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- This represents deferred stock units that were granted on 4/21/2014 and vest over 4 years in equal annual installments commencing on the (1) first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with or service to the Issuer or subsidiary
- thereof through the applicable vesting date. This option was granted on 4/21/2014 and vests over 4 years in equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the
- (2) grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with or service to the Issuer or subsidiary thereof through the applicable vesting date.

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