

Zhou Rong
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FORM 4

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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 *
Zhou Rong

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)
03/15/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Production Center

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/15/2018		A	(A) or (D) 8,969 (1)	\$ 0 57,066 (2)	D	
Common Stock					99,668	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock					5,000	I	See footnote (4)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.79	03/15/2018		A	20,827	<u>(5)</u> 03/15/2028	Common Stock	20,827	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Zhou Rong
C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
11570 6TH STREET
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

EVP, Production Center

Signatures

/s/ William Peterson, by power of attorney

03/16/2018

__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).
- (1) The reported shares are represented by restricted stock units, or RSUs, which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2019.
- (2) Includes one share acquired under the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on November 30, 2017.
- (3) The shares are held of record by the Zhou Family Trust for which the reporting person serves as a trustee.
- (4) The shares are held of record by the reporting person's spouse.

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(5) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2019.

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