Luo Mary Z. Form 4 March 20, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Section 16.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[AMPH]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2018

_X__ 10% Owner _X_ Director __Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

CEO & Chief Scientific Officer

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/16/2018		F	19,360 (1)	D	\$ 19.91	2,091,834	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2018		F	30,487 (1)	D	\$ 19.91	2,061,347	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2018		F	7,771 (1)	D	\$ 19.91	1,364,562	I	See footnote (2)
Common Stock	03/17/2018		F	9,589 (1)	D	\$ 19.91	1,354,973	I	See footnote

			(2)
Common Stock	7,461,594	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock	5,000	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	200,000	I	See footnote (5)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title Derivati Security (Instr. 3	ve Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tiorNumber of) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	.	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code '	, ,	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	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/ William Peters, by power of attorney for Jack Y.
Zhang
03/20/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ William Peters, by power of attorney for Mary Z.

Luo

03/20/2018

**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 were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units, or RSUs.
- (2) The securities are held of record by Mary Z. Luo. The reporting persons are husband and wife.
- (3) 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 (4) 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 (5) 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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