Shandell Jason B. Form 4 March 20, 2018

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Shandell Jason B.

Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2018

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

President and General Counsel

Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below)

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

(Street)

(First)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

#### **RANCHO** CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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 (A Transactioror Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			D) 55)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/16/2018		Code V F	Amount 5,495 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 19.91	251,372	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2018		F	6,486 (1)	D	\$ 19.91	244,886	D	
Common Stock	03/19/2018		S(2)	11,707	D	\$ 19.3702 (3)	233,179	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2018		S(2)	8,293	D	\$ 19.519 (4)	224,886	D	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerci	sable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	iorNumber	Expiration Da	te	Amoun	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Y	(ear)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration Date	Title I	or	
						Exercisable			Number	
									of	
				Code V	$^{\prime}$ (A) (D)				Shares	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

President and General Counsel

Shandell Jason B.

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

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

## **Signatures**

/s/ William Peters, by power of

attorney 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.
- The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 14, 2017.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.05 to \$19.62 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 within the ranges set forth in footnotes (3) and (4) to this Form 4.

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(4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.39 to \$19.91, inclusive.

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