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(Print or Type F	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> PETERS WILLIAM J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			[AMPH]								
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2018					Director 10% Owner XOfficer (give title Other (specify below) below) CFO, SVP & Treasurer			
	Filed(Month/Day/				ment, Date Original '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 			
RANCHO CUCAMON	IGA, CA 9173	0						Person		porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	ty (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if			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 Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
						or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	03/16/2018			Code V F	Amount 2,915	(D) D	Price \$ 19.91	97,758	D		
Common Stock	03/17/2018			F	3,434 (1)	D	\$ 19.91	94,324	D		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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		
PETERS WILLIAM J						
C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.			CFO, SVP			
11570 6TH STREET			& Treasurer			
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730						
Signatures						

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/s/ William Peters 03/20/2018 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- The reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of by restricted stock units, (1) or RSUs.

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