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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)

| Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Officer Other Director 10% Owner

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

EVP, Production Center

Signatures

/s/ Rong Zhou 11/13/2018 **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).
- (1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 15, 2018.
- (2) The shares are held of record by the Zhou Family Trust for which the reporting person serves as a trustee.
- (3) The shares are held of record by the reporting person's spouse.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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