Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ZASLOFF MICHAEL A Issuer Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Check all applicable) [AMPH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) C/O AMPHASTAR 12/16/2015 PHARMACEUTICALS,

INC., 11570 6TH STREET

(Street) 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	ole 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/16/2015		M	16,538	A	\$ 11.68	42,863	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2015		S <u>(1)</u>	16,538	D	\$ 14.194 (2)	26,325	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2015		M	14,232	A	\$ 11.68	40,557	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2015		S <u>(1)</u>	14,232	D	\$ 14.2013 (3)	26,325	D	

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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)

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.68	12/16/2015		M	16,538	<u>(4)</u>	12/18/2015	Common Stock	16,538
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.68	12/17/2015		M	14,232	<u>(4)</u>	12/18/2015	Common Stock	14,232

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZASLOFF MICHAEL A C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730



Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney 12/17/2015

**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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on June 10, 2015.

Reporting Owners 2

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- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.03 to \$14.37, 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 pricewithin the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form 4.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.02 to \$14.39, inclusive.
- (4) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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