

Shandell Jason B.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
[AMPH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2019

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and General Counsel

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RANCHO
CUCAMONGA, CA 91730
(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2019		S ⁽¹⁾	7,828	D	\$ 20.3742	160,490	D
Common Stock	03/15/2019		M	24,508	A	\$ 10.93	184,998	D
Common Stock	03/15/2019		S	24,508	D	\$ 20.3379	160,490	D
	03/15/2019		A		A	\$ 0	199,540	D

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Common Stock				39,050 (4)			
Common Stock	03/15/2019	F		5,255 (5)	D	\$ 20.23	194,285 D
Common Stock	03/16/2019	F		8,381 (5)	D	\$ 20.23	185,904 D
Common Stock	03/17/2019	F		9,876 (5)	D	\$ 20.23	176,028 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.93	03/15/2019		M	24,508	(6) 07/05/2023	Common Stock 24,508
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.23	03/15/2019		A	86,862	(7) 03/15/2029	Common Stock 86,862

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shandell Jason B. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	X		President and General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Eva Wen, by power of
attorney

03/18/2019

__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 May 30, 2018.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.73 to \$20.64 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 (2) and (3) to this Form 4.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.12 to \$20.695, inclusive.
- (3) The reported shares are represented by restricted stock units, or RSUs, which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2020.
- (4) The reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of RSUs.
- (5) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.
- (6) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2020.

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