

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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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 *
 Gerst Diane G.

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)
 04/18/2016

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/18/2016		M		8,210	A	\$ 10.48
Common Stock	04/18/2016		M		6,000	A	\$ 11.41
Common Stock	04/18/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		15,637	D	\$ 12.8317
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Common Stock	04/19/2016		M		5,607	A	\$ 10.48

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Common Stock	04/19/2016		<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	5,607	D	\$ 13.0417 <u>(3)</u>	30,076	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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.41	04/18/2016		M	6,000	<u>(4)</u> 03/08/2021	Common Stock	6,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.48	04/18/2016		M	8,210	<u>(5)</u> 11/07/2022	Common Stock	8,210
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.48	04/19/2016		M	5,607	<u>(5)</u> 11/07/2022	Common Stock	5,607

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gerst Diane G. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.			EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs	

11570 6TH STREET
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of
attorney

04/20/2016

__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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on March 17, 2016.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.62 to \$12.96, 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 \$12.91 to \$13.13, inclusive.
- (3) Shares subject to the option vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 8, 2012.
- (5) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 7, 2013.

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