Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[AMPH]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2016

below)

President and General Counsel

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

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)

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. Securiti on(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	08/22/2016		M	10,000	A	\$ 10.46	212,961	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2016		S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 19.95	202,961	D	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.46	08/22/2016		M	10,000	(2)	07/13/2022	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
Reporting Owner Plante / Plantess	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/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney 08/23/2016

**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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on December 16, 2015.
- (2) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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