

PRINS RICHARD K  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PRINS RICHARD K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

RANCHO  
CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

**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	03/15/2018		M		16,598	A	\$ 14.66	45,442 D
Common Stock	03/15/2018		S		16,598	D	\$ 19.9011 (1)	28,844 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.66	03/15/2018		M	16,598	(2) 12/20/2018	Common Stock	16,598

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PRINS RICHARD K  
C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
11570 6TH STREET  
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

X

## Signatures

/s/ William Peters, by power of  
attorney

03/16/2018

\_\_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).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.77
- (1) to \$20.18, 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.
- (2) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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