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Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Form 4 June 17, 2016 **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 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 Zhou Rong Issuer Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Check all applicable) [AMPH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O AMPHASTAR 06/15/2016 EVP, Production Center PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **RANCHO** Person CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficial (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Form: any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (\mathbf{I}) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price \$ Common 1,551 S D 06/15/2016 15.8503 D 37.137 Stock (1)(2) Common 06/15/2016 F 146⁽³⁾ D \$15.76 36,991 D Stock See Common 99,668 Ι footnote Stock (4) 5.000 I

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See footnote (5)

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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Zhou Rong C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 Signatures	S, INC.		EVP, Production Center					
/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of								
attorney C	06/17/2016							
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							
Explanation of Response	es:							

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** 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 reported shares were acquired under the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.82 to \$15.88, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the

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Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (3) The reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of deferred stock units, or DSUs.
- (4) The shares are held of record by the Zhou Family Trust for which the reporting person serves as a trustee.
- (5) The shares are held of record by the reporting person's spouse.

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