

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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 *
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)
08/19/2016

___ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/19/2016 | | M | 10,046 A \$ 14.23 | 39,031 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/19/2016 | | M | 14,000 A \$ 10.93 | 53,031 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/19/2016 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 24,046 D \$ 19.28 | 28,985 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 14.23 | 08/19/2016 | | M | 10,046 | <u>(2)</u> 12/22/2021 | Common Stock | 10,046 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.93 | 08/19/2016 | | M | 14,000 | <u>(2)</u> 07/30/2023 | Common Stock | 14,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gerst Diane G.
C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
11570 6TH STREET
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney

08/19/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on March 17, 2016.

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(2) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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