Shohet Stephen B. Form 4 November 17, 2017

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Shohet Stephen B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

[AMPH]

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

(Month/Day/Year)

11/16/2017

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

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

(Street)

(State)

11/16/2017

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

(City)	(State)	(Zıp)	Table I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,	, if Transaction	or(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

D 7,862 A \$ 10.77 31,978 M

Common 11/16/2017 Stock

 $S^{(1)}$ 7,862

\$ D 18.044 24,116 (2)

Price

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		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	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.77	11/16/2017		M	7,862	(3)	12/15/2017	Common Stock	7,862	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Director 10% Owner Other

Shohet Stephen B.

C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

11570 6TH STREET

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of 11/17/2017 attorney

**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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 25, **(1)** 2017.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.91 (2) to \$18.16, 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.

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

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