

Zhang Jack Y.
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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 *
Zhang Jack Y.

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)
12/11/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO & Chief Scientific Officer

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 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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2018 | | S | 63,504 | D | \$ 21.4342 | 7,398,090 | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2018 | | S | 3,253 | D | \$ 22.1311 | 7,394,837 | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2018 | | S | 37,469 | D | \$ 21.2105 | 7,357,368 | I | See footnote (2) |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------------------|-----------|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/13/2018 | S | 29,689 | D | \$ 20.9898 (5) | 7,327,679 | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,115,894 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,366,706 | I | See footnote (6) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 5,000 | I | See footnote (7) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 200,000 | I | See footnote (8) |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Zhang Jack Y. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 | X | X | CEO & Chief Scientific Officer | |

Luo Mary Z.
 C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. X X COO,Chief Scientist & Chairman
 11570 6TH STREET
 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Signatures

/s/ Eva Wen, by power of attorney for Jack Y. 12/13/2018
 Zhang

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Eva Wen, by power of attorney for Mary Z. 12/13/2018
 Luo

__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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.055 to \$22.05, inclusive. The reporting persons undertake 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 purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1), (3), (4) and (5) to this Form 4.
 - (2) The shares are held of record by Applied Physics & Chemistry Laboratories, Inc., of which the reporting persons and The Bill Luobei Zhang 2004 Irrevocable Trust (the "BLZ Trust") are the sole owners.
 - (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.055 to \$22.27, inclusive.
 - (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.93 to \$21.54, inclusive.
 - (5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.83 to \$21.28, inclusive.
 - (6) The securities are held of record by Mary Z. Luo. The reporting persons are husband and wife.
 - (7) The shares are held of record in an account for the benefit of the reporting persons' son. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares, and the inclusion of these shares in this report should not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any such shares for purposes of Section 16, or for any other purpose.
 - (8) The shares are held of record by the BLZ Trust. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares, and the inclusion of these shares in this report should not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any such shares for purposes of Section 16, or for any other purpose.

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