

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
04/14/2015☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
EVP, QA & Regulatory AffairsC/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
PersonRANCHO
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)
Common Stock	04/14/2015		F	862 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 15.22	18,634	D	
Common Stock	06/15/2015		A	1,544 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0	20,178	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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.19	06/15/2015		A	4,685	⁽³⁾ 06/15/2025	Common Stock	4,685

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Gerst Diane G. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney 06/17/2015

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 reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of deferred stock units, or DSUs.
- (2) The reported shares are represented by DSUs which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 15, 2016.
- (3) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 15, 2016.

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