Zhang Jack Y. Form 4 December 13, 2018

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zhang Jack Y.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[AMPH]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director X__ 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title __ Other (specify

CEO & Chief Scientific Officer

(Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2018

below)

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 _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/11/2018		S	63,504	D	\$ 21.4342 (1)	7,398,090	I	See footnote (2)
Common Stock	12/11/2018		S	3,253	D	\$ 22.1311 (3)	7,394,837	I	See footnote (2)
Common Stock	12/12/2018		S	37,469	D	\$ 21.2105 (4)	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. Transa Code (Instr.		5. Mumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amo Unde Secur	tle and unt of rlying rities : 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
coporting of the real time	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					

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Luo Mary Z. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

X COO, Chief Scientist & Chairman

Signatures

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

12/13/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

12/13/2018

**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 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.
- 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.
 - The shares are held of record in an account for the benefit of the reporting persons' son. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial
- (7) 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.
- The shares are held of record by the BLZ Trust. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares, and the inclusion of (8) 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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