

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Zhou Rong

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
 [AMPH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Production Center

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/16/2017

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)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2017		A	11,797 (1) \$ 0	48,788	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2017		F	1,248 (2) \$ 13.75	47,540	D	
Common Stock					99,668	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock					5,000	I	See footnote

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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.35	03/16/2017		A	29,424	<u>(5)</u> 03/16/2027	Common Stock	29,424

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Zhou Rong C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	Director 10% Owner Officer  EVP, Production Center

## Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney  
03/20/2017

\_\_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 are represented by restricted stock units, or RSUs, which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2018.

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- (2) The reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of RSUs.
- (3) The shares are held of record by the Zhou Family Trust for which the reporting person serves as a trustee.
- (4) The shares are held of record by the reporting person's spouse.
- (5) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2018.

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