Shohet Stephen B. Form 4 December 08, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Shohet Stephen B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[AMPH]

12/07/2017

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title

_X__ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

> Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(State)

(City)	(State)	(Zıp)	Table I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of

Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	omr Dispo	sed of	(D)	Securities	Ownership
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form:
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)
							Following	or Indirect
					(A)		Reported	(I)
					or		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
Common Stock	12/07/2017		M	7,862	A	\$ 10.77	31,978	D
~						\$		
Common Stock	12/07/2017		S(1)	7,862	D	18.3426	24,116	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)	5. Number owf 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.77	12/07/2017		M	7,862	(3)	12/15/2017	Common Stock	7,862

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shohet Stephen B.

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

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney 12/08/2017

**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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 25, 2017.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.18 (2) to \$18.52, 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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