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Check this if no long subject to Section 16 Form 4 or Form 5 obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	er STAT 5. 5. Filed p ¹⁵ Section 1	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 20(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1040							burden hou response	Expires:January 31, 2005Estimated average burden hours per response0.5	
(Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> PETERS WILLIAM J			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) C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)03/15/2018					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CFO, SVP & Treasurer			
	(Street)	Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 				
RANCHO CUCAMON	GA, CA 9173	80						Person	viore man One Ke	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executio any	emed on Date, if 'Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	sposed	l 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)		
Common Stock	03/15/2018			А	22,359 (1)	А	\$0	100,673	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.79	03/15/2018		А	51,921	(2)	03/15/2028	Common Stock	51,921

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PETERS WILLIAM J						
C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.			CFO, SVP			
11570 6TH STREET			& Treasurer			
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730						

Signatures

/s/ William J. Peters 03/16/2018 <u>**</u>Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 15, 2019.
- (2) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2019.

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