Shohet Stephen B.
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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *̱ Shohet Stephen B.	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) __X__ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below)
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2018	
(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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M		58,557	A	$ 14.66	89,263	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		S		58,557	D	$ 21.7187 (1)	30,706	D	

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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 D S (
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 14.66	12/10/2018		M		58,557		(2)	12/20/2018	Common Stock	58,557	

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	X			

Signatures

/s/ Eva Wen, by power of attorney	12/12/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

*   If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1)   The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from $21.125 to $22.12, 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.

(2)   Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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