Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Form DEFA14A April 22, 2016 UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 9, 2016.

	Meeting Information	
AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Meeting Type:	Annual Meeting
	For holders as of:	April 11, 2016
	Date: June 9, 2016	Time: 10:30 AM PDT
	Location: 11570 6th Street	
	Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730	
	You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.	
	This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).	
AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	We encourage you to access and review all of the important	
C/O BROADRIDGE		in the proxy materials before voting.
P.O. BOX 1342		
BRENTWOOD, NY 11717		

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

____ Before You Vote _____

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2. Annual Report

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Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice and Proxy Statement2. Annual Report

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____ How To Vote ____

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow aXXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

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Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow —> XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

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Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors

Nominees:

- 1a. Jack Yongfeng Zhang
- 1b. Richard Prins
- 1c. Stephen B. Shohet

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:

2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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