Zhang Jack Y. Form 4 March 18, 2019

## FORM 4

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

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Zhang Jack Y.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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

\_X\_ Director X\_\_ 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_ Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

03/15/2019

below) CEO & Chief Scientific Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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)	Transactiomr Disposed Code (Instr. 3, 4 a		(A)		Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/15/2019		Code V M	Amount 514,783	or (D)	Price \$ 15.84	(Instr. 3 and 4) 2,587,100	D		
Common Stock	03/15/2019		F	461,097 (1)	D	\$ 20.23	2,126,003	D		
Common Stock	03/15/2019		A	98,368 (2)	A	\$ 0	2,224,371	D		
Common Stock	03/15/2019		F	17,205 (3)	D	\$ 20.23	2,207,166	D		

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Common Stock	03/16/2019	F	27,476 (3)	D	\$ 20.23	2,179,690	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2019	F	32,374 (3)	D	\$ 20.23	2,147,316	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2019	M	224,737	A	\$ 15.84	1,591,443	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	03/15/2019	F	200,853 (1)	D	\$ 20.23	1,390,590	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	03/15/2019	A	41,522 (2)	A	\$ 0	1,432,112	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	03/15/2019	F	7,317 (3)	D	\$ 20.23	1,424,795	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	03/16/2019	F	11,832 (3)	D	\$ 20.23	1,412,963	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	03/17/2019	F	13,941 (3)	D	\$ 20.23	1,399,022	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock						7,327,679	I	See footnote (5)
Common Stock						5,000	I	See footnote (6)
Common Stock						200,000	I	See footnote (7)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Am
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orDerivative Securities	Expiration Date	Underlying Sec
Security	or Exercise	•	any	Code	Acquired (A) or	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Disposed of (D)	• •	
	Derivative				(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		

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	Security		Code V	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N Sl
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.84	03/15/2019	M		514,783	<u>(8)</u>	03/27/2019	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.25	03/15/2019	A	262,182		<u>(9)</u>	03/15/2027	Common Stock	2
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.84	03/15/2019	M		224,737	<u>(8)</u>	03/27/2019	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.25	03/15/2019	A	110,671		<u>(9)</u>	03/15/2027	Common Stock	1

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
		10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Zhang Jack Y. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	X	X	CEO & Chief Scientific Officer					
Luo Mary Z. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730		X	COO Chief Scientist & Chairman					
Signatures								
/s/ Eva Wen, by power of attorney for Jack Y. Zhang		3/18/2019						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date						
/s/ Eva Wen, by power of attorney for Mary Z. Luo		3/18/2019						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date						

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### **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 were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the option exercise.
- (2) The reported shares are represented by restricted stock units, or RSUs, which vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2020.
- (3) The reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of RSUs.
- (4) The securities are held of record by Mary Z. Luo. The reporting persons are husband and wife.
- (5) The shares are held of record by Applied Physics & Chemistry Laboratories, Inc., of which the reporting persons and The Bill Luobei Zhang 2004 Irrevocable Trust (the "BLZ Trust") are the sole owners.
- The shares are held of record in an account for the benefit of the reporting persons' son. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial (6) ownership of these shares, and the inclusion of these shares in this report should not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any such shares for purposes of Section 16, or for any other purpose.
- The shares are held of record by the BLZ Trust. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares, and the inclusion of (7) these shares in this report should not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any such shares for purposes of Section 16, or for any other purpose.
- (8) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.
- (9) Shares subject to the option vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2020.

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