

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Form 4

June 17, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Gerst Diane G.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

RANCHO
CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
[AMPH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/14/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	04/14/2015		F		862 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15.22	18,634 D
Common Stock	06/15/2015		A		1,544 ⁽²⁾	\$ 0	20,178 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.19	06/15/2015		A	4,685	⁽³⁾ 06/15/2025	Common Stock	4,685

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Gerst Diane G. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney 06/17/2015

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 reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of deferred stock units, or DSUs.
- (2) The reported shares are represented by DSUs which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 15, 2016.
- (3) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 15, 2016.

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