Gerst Diane G. Form 4 October 19, 2017

FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gerst Diane G.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[AMPH]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

(Month/Day/Year) 10/17/2017

below)

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

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A)		5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
	any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership	
						Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
				(4)		Reported	(I)	
					Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)		
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		Code V	Amount	(D)	Price			
					\$			
10/17/2017		S(1)	523	D	18.4797	33,825	D	
					(2)			
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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	•				(A) or						Repo
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						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Number of			
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

10% Owner

Officer

Director

Gerst Diane G. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

Other

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of 10/19/2017 attorney

**Signature of 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).
- The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 5, **(1)** 2017.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.42 (2) to \$18.56, 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.

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