

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ZASLOFF MICHAEL A**

(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)  
**08/12/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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                    | 08/12/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 10,381  | A  | \$ 15.23  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/12/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 20,594  | A  | \$ 14.23  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/12/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 30,975  | D  | \$ 18.1157<br>(1)                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 17,400  | A  | \$ 14.23  |

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|                 |            |   |        |   |                      |        |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------------------|--------|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 08/15/2016 | S | 17,400 | D | \$<br>18.2168<br>(2) | 32,411 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------------------|--------|---|

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 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 15.23   | 08/12/2016                           |  | M                              | 10,381  | (3) 10/03/2016   | Common Stock  | 10,381                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 14.23   | 08/12/2016                           |  | M                              | 20,594  | (3) 12/10/2016   | Common Stock  | 20,594                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 14.23   | 08/15/2016                           |  | M                              | 17,400  | (3) 12/10/2016   | Common Stock  | 17,400                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ZASLOFF MICHAEL A<br>C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.<br>11570 6TH STREET<br>RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of  
attorney

08/15/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.00 to \$18.45, 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 within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1) and (2) to this Form 4.
  - (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.00 to \$18.39, inclusive.
  - (2) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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