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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Zhang Jack Y. Issuer Symbol

> Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Check all applicable) [AMPH]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director

_X__ 10% Owner __Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 12/14/2018 CEO & Chief Scientific Officer

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of	Price	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)	
Common Stock	12/14/2018		S	43,577	D	\$ 20.4766 (1)	2,072,317	D		
Common Stock							1,366,706	I	See footnote (2)	
Common Stock							7,327,679	I	See footnote	

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Common Stock	5,000	I	See footnote
Common Stock	200,000	I	See footnote (5)

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title and Amount of	Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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						Date	Expiration	or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Num	iber	
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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	X	COO,Chief Scientist & Chairman					
Signatures								
/s/ Eva Wen, by power of attorney for Jack Y. Zhang	12/17/2018							

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Eva Wen, by power of attorney for Mary Z. Luo

12/17/2018

**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 \$20.22 (1) to \$20.81, inclusive. The reporting persons undertake 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 purchased at each separate price.
- (2) The securities are held of record by Mary Z. Luo. The reporting persons are husband and wife.
- (3) 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 (4) 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 (5) 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.

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