

PETERS WILLIAM J  
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 \*  
PETERS WILLIAM J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/08/2018

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CFO, SVP & Treasurer

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ 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. 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	11/08/2018		M		19,800	A	\$ 11.33
Common Stock	11/08/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		16,784	D	\$ 20.2632
Common Stock	11/08/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		8,528	D	\$ 20.8473
	11/09/2018		M		10,000	A	\$ 11.33

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock	11/09/2018	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	D	\$ 21.4723 <u>(4)</u>	81,324	D
Common Stock	11/12/2018	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	3,172	D	\$ 20.6072 <u>(5)</u>	78,152	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.33	11/08/2018		M	19,800	<u>(6)</u> 03/17/2026	Common Stock	19,800	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.33	11/09/2018		M	10,000	<u>(6)</u> 03/17/2026	Common Stock	10,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETERS WILLIAM J C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET			CFO, SVP & Treasurer	

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

## Signatures

/s/ William J.

Peters

11/13/2018

\*\*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).
- (1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 30, 2018.  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.70 to \$20.69, 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 (2), (3), (4) and (5) to this Form 4.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.70 to \$20.98, inclusive.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.33 to \$21.54, inclusive.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.27 to \$21.17, inclusive.
- (5) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 17, 2017.

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