Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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FORM 4

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SECURITIES

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) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2016

below) EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

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)

(State)

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

(Zip)

(Middle)

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

(City)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Amount (D) Code V Price 146 (1) D

 $28,985 \frac{(2)}{}$ D

Common Stock

06/15/2016

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

(A)

or

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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
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

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

EVP, QA & Regulatory Affairs

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of 06/17/2016 attorney

**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 reported shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of deferred stock units, or **(1)** DSUs.
- (2) Includes 482 shares acquired under the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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