Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zhang Jack Y.

(Last)

C/O AMPHASTAR

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year) 06/24/2014

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]

> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET

(Street)

(Check all applicable) _X_ 10% Owner _X__ Director

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) CEO, Chief Science Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CAÂ 91730

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities	3.	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	Beneficially Owned	Ownership	Ownership
	(Instr. 4)	Form:	(Instr. 5)
		Direct (D)	
		or Indirect	
		(I)	
		(Instr. 5)	
Common Stock	649,108	D	Â
Common Stock	157,987 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Common Stock	7,631,594	I	By APCL (2)
Common Stock	5,000	I	By son (3)
Common Stock	200,000	I	By son's trust (4)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	curity 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	08/02/2014	Common Stock	275,000	\$ 22.29	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	09/28/2015	Common Stock	275,000	\$ 12.97	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	10/03/2016	Common Stock	262,431	\$ 16.75	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	07/13/2017	Common Stock	382,448	\$ 11.51	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(8)	09/28/2017	Common Stock	176,987	\$ 11.53	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(9)	07/05/2018	Common Stock	1,279,167	\$ 12.02	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(10)	03/27/2019	Common Stock	514,783	\$ 15.84	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Zhang Jack Y. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	ÂΧ	ÂX	CEO, Chief Science Officer	Â	

Signatures

/s/Jack Y. Zhang, by Power of Attorney 06/24/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- This represents deferred stock units that were granted on 3/27/2014 and vest over 4 years in equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with or service to the Issuer or subsidiary thereof through the applicable vesting date.

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The reporting person and Dr. Mary Z. Luo ("Dr. Luo"), the Chief Operating Officer and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Issuer, are the sole owners of Applied Physics & Chemistry Laboratories, Inc. The reporting person and Dr. Luo have shared voting and investment power over these shares.

- Shares held in an account for the benefit of the reporting person's son, Bill Luobei Zhang, who shares the reporting person's household.

 As such, the reporting person may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of these shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial 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.
- Shares held by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son, Bill Luobei Zhang, who shares the reporting person's household. As such, the reporting person may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of these shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial 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.
- (5) This option is fully vested and exercisable.
- This option was granted on 10/3/2011 and vests over 3 years in equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued (i) employment with or service to the Issuer or subsidiary thereof and (ii) service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer, in each case through the applicable vesting date.
- This option was granted on 7/13/2012 and vests over 4 years in equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued (i) employment with or service to the Issuer or subsidiary thereof and (ii) service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer, in each case through the applicable vesting date.
- This option was granted on 9/28/2012 and vests over 4 years in equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued (i) employment with or service to the Issuer or subsidiary thereof and (ii) service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer, in each case through the applicable vesting date.
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