

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p><u>   </u> Zhou Rong</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AMPHASTAR              PHARMACEUTICALS,              INC., 11570 6TH STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>RANCHO              CUCAMONGA, CA 91730</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>06/09/2015</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><u>   </u> Director <u>   </u> 10% Owner  <u>  X  </u> Officer <u>   </u> Other              (give title below) (specify below)              EVP, Production</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><u>  X  </u> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <u>   </u> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	25,688 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	99,668	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	5,000	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	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 Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	12/21/2016	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 30.57	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	12/30/2017	Common Stock	24,000	\$ 31.65	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	08/28/2018	Common Stock	16,000	\$ 35.32	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	08/05/2019	Common Stock	16,000	\$ 20.26	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	03/08/2021	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 11.41	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	12/22/2021	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 14.23	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(7)</u>	11/07/2022	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 10.48	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(8)</u>	07/30/2023	Common Stock	28,000	\$ 10.93	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(9)</u>	04/14/2024	Common Stock	32,891	\$ 14.4	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â <u>(10)</u>	03/26/2025	Common Stock	18,524	\$ 14.95	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zhou Rong C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	Â	Â	Â EVP, Production	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney  
06/17/2015

\_\_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).
- (1) Includes 6,187 shares represented by deferred stock units, or DSUs, which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 26, 2016.
- (2) The shares are held of record by the Zhou Family Trust for which the reporting person serves as a trustee.
- (3) The shares are held of record by the reporting person's spouse.
- (4) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.
- (5) Shares subject to the option vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 8, 2012.
- (6) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 22, 2012.
- (7) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 7, 2013.
- (8) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on July 30, 2014.
- (9) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 14, 2015.
- (10) Shares subject to the option vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 26, 2016.

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### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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