PETERS WILLIAM J

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PETERS WILLIAM J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year)

below) 03/26/2019 CFO, SVP & Treasurer

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Common

Stock

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

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

03/26/2019

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Securities Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or Amount (D) 2,553 \$

(1)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Price

D

D 86,339 20.54

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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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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director

PETERS WILLIAM J C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. CFO, SVP & Treasurer 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Signatures

/s/ William J.

Peters 03/27/2019

Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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