

AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

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PRINS RICHARD K

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person -*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
PRINS RICHARD K		Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)		<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 11570 6TH STREET		8/14/2017			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)					

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	8/14/2017		M		5000	A	\$10.77	33844	D	
Common Stock	8/14/2017		S		5000	D	\$14.7994 (1)	28844	D	
Common Stock	8/15/2017		M		5000	A	\$10.77	33844	D	
Common Stock	8/15/2017		S		5000	D	\$14.8174 (2)	28844	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.77	8/14/2017		M		5000		(3)	12/15/2017	Common Stock	5000	\$0	5000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.77	8/15/2017		M		5000		(3)	12/15/2017	Common Stock	5000	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.75 to \$14.84, 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 (1) and (2) to this Form 4.
- The reported price in Column 4 is weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.65 to \$14.97 per share, inclusive.
- Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRINS RICHARD K C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	X			

Signatures

/s/ Ken Stupak, by power of attorney

8/16/2017

—**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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