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 *
Â Lee Howard
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,Â 11570 6TH STREET
(Street)

RANCHO CUCAMONGA,Â CAÂ 91730
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
06/24/2014

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	89,758	D	Â
Common Stock	5,457 (1)	D	Â

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)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	12/18/2015	Common Stock	38,462	$ 11.68	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	10/03/2016	Common Stock	10,381	$ 15.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	12/10/2016	Common Stock	37,994	$ 14.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	12/20/2018	Common Stock	29,278	$ 14.66	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lee Howard C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA,Â CAÂ 91730	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Howard Lee, 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).

(1) This represents deferred stock units that were granted on 12/20/2013 and fully vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(2) This option is fully vested and exercisable.

(3) This option was granted on 12/20/2013 and fully vests on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer through the vesting date.

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