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wasnington, D.C. 20549 Number:							OMB	3235-0287			
(Print or Type	Responses)										
PRINS RICHARD K S								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Dav/Year)				-	XDirector10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)			
RANCHO CUCAMOI	(Street) NGA, CA 91730			endment, Dannent, Dannent, Dannen, D	-	1	-	6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	ne Reporting Pe	rson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ned 1 Date, if	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac ed of (quired (A) (D)	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)	
Common Stock	08/14/2018			M	10,000	(D) A		45,434	D		
Common Stock	08/14/2018			S	10,000	D	\$ 17.818 (1)	35,434	D		

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.66	08/14/2018		М	10,000) (2)	12/20/2018	Common Stock	10,000	

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	х					
Signatures						
/s/ Eva Wen, by power of 08/15/2018 attorney						

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from
 \$17.644 to \$17.881, 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.

(2) Shares subject to the option are fully vested and immediately exercisable.

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