

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Form 8-A12B  
June 18, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation or organization)

**33-0702205**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**11570 6th Street**  
**Rancho Cucamonga, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**91730**  
(Zip Code)

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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

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**Title of Each Class  
to be so Registered**  
**Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share**

**Name of Each Exchange on Which  
Each Class is to be Registered**  
**The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC**

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.  x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.  o

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **333-196097**

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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**None**

**(Title of Class)**

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered**

The description of the Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Registrant), to be registered hereunder that is contained in the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock" in the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-196097), as initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on May 20, 2014, as amended (the Registration Statement), is incorporated by reference into this Form 8-A. Any prospectus that constitutes part of the Registration Statement and that is subsequently filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Form 8-A.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits with respect to Form 8-A, no exhibits are required to be filed with this registration statement on Form 8-A because no other securities of the Registrant are registered on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and the securities registered hereby are not being registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form 8-A to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Dated: June 18, 2014

AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: */s/ Jason B. Shandell*  
Name: Jason B. Shandell  
Title: President