
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 15, 2017

ARDELYX, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36485
(Commission
File Number)

26-1303944
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

34175 Ardenwood Blvd., Suite 200
Fremont, CA 94555
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (510) 745-1700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☒

Item 5.02	Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officer.
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September 15, 2017, was Bryan Shaw’s last day of employment with Ardelyx, Inc. (the “Company”). Mr. Shaw served the Company as Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer from December 1, 2016 through September 15, 2017. The Company expects to provide Mr. Shaw with the severance benefits set forth in his previously filed Change of Control Severance Agreement, conditioned upon the receipt of a general release of claims against the Company.

In addition, on September 15, 2017, the Company appointed its current Chief Financial Officer, Mark Kaufmann, to the role of Principal Accounting Officer, effective as of September 15, 2017. Mr. Kaufmann has served as the Company’s Chief Financial Officer since May 2014, and formerly served as our Chief Business Officer from August 2011 until May 2014. His compensation shall not change as a result of this appointment. Mr. Kaufmann has not been involved in any transactions that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 18, 2017

ARDELYX, INC.

By: /s/ Mark Kaufmann

Mark Kaufmann

Chief Financial Officer