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Ardelyx, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Important Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting of

ARDELYX, INC.

To Be Held On: June 13, 2018 at 8:30 am local time at

34175 Ardenwood Blvd., Suite 200, Fremont, California 94555

COMPANY NUMBER	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	
CONTROL NUMBER	

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If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below before June 1, 2018.

Please visit <http://www.astproxyportal.com/ast/19476/>, where the following materials are available for view:

- Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
- Proxy Statement
- Form of Electronic Proxy Card
- Annual Report on Form 10-K

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TELEPHONE: 888-Proxy-NA (888-776-9962) 718-921-8562 (for international callers)

E-MAIL: info@astfinancial.com

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IN PERSON: You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting.

TELEPHONE: To vote by telephone, please visit www.voteproxy.com to view the materials and to obtain the toll free number to call.

MAIL: You may request a card by following the instructions above.

1. To elect three Class I directors to hold office until the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are elected and qualified.

NOMINEES:

William Bertrand, Jr.
Annalisa Jenkins, MBBS, FRCP
Jan M. Lundberg, Ph.D.

2. To ratify the selection, by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors, of Ernst & Young, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

3. To transact any other business as may properly be presented at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

These items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement. The record date for the Annual Meeting is April 20, 2018. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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