Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GRAMMER ELIZABETH A						ARDELYX, INC. [ ARDX ]									ck all applic Directo	able)	g Pers	on(s) to Issi 10% Ow Other (s	/ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2017									below)	SVP, General Counsel			
(Street) FREMONT CA 94555  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
		Tak	le I - Nor	า-Deriv	ative	e Se	curities	s Acc	uired, [	Dis	posed o	f, or E	Bene	eficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ear)	Execution if any	A. Deemed xecution Date, any //onth/Day/Year)		3. 4. So Disp Code (Instr. 8)		irities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			5. Amou Securitie Beneficia Owned F	es ally Following	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A	) or )	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(mati. 4)
Common Stock 01/19/						2017			A		17,985	17,985 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$0.00	17,	17,985		D	
			Table II -						ired, Di options						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date, 1	1. Transa Code (I 3)		of		6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	•	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				C	Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	O N O	lumber					
Stock Option (Right to	\$13.9	01/19/2017			A		79,535		(2)	0	01/19/2027	Comm Stock		79,535	\$0.00	79,535	5	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The Reporting Person is entitled to receive one (1) shares of Common Stock for each one (1) RSU upon the vesting thereof.
- 2. The option becomes exercisable as it vests and the shares subject to the option vest in 48 successive, equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of January 19, 2017, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer 01/23/2017 Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- \* 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).

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