SEC Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Kaufmann Mark	ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]	

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Kaufmann Mark

| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) |

C/O ARDELYX, INC.

34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200

(Street)

FREMONT   CA   94555

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2017

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

| | Director | | 10% Owner |
| X | Officer (give title below) | | Other (specify below) |

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

| X | Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/19/2017		A		17,985[1]	A	$0.00	21,585[2]	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$13.9	01/19/2017		A		74,233		[3]	01/19/2027	Common Stock	74,233	$0.00	74,233	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. Includes an aggregate of 2,318 shares acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on February 29, 2016 and August 31, 2016.

3. 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, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark Kaufmann   01/23/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person   Date

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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