## FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Add<br>Blanks Rob        |         | g Person <sup>*</sup> | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ARDELYX</u> , <u>INC.</u> [ ARDX ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---|---|
| (Last)<br>C/O ARDELY<br>400 FIFTH AV |         | (Middle)              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>10/05/2022                              | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) See Remarks   |
| (Street)<br>WALTHAM                  | MA      | (Zip)                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                    | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |
| (City)                               | (State) | (Zip)                 | rivative Securities Acquired. Disposed of. or Ben   | eficially Owned   |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code (Inst<br>8) |   |         |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------|---------------|-------|---|----------------|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                                 | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |                | (1130.4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/05/2022                                 |   | <b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>              |   | 100,000 | D             | \$1.5 | 195,827   | D              |   |

|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |                              |   |   |     |  |                    |  |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | e and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person.

#### Remarks:

Chief Regulatory and Quality Affairs Officer

### /s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert

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10/07/2022

\*\* 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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