FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Instruction 1(b). | |

ATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RINGOLD GORDON (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 100 | | | | | | Susuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/30/2018 | | | | | | | | | | all app | er (give title | | 10% | Owner (specify |
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| (Street) FREMON (City) | NT CA | A 9 |)4555 Zip) | | 4. If | Amer | ndment, | Date o | e of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | son |
| | | Tabl | e I - No | n-Deriv | ative/ | Sec | uritie | s Acc | quired | , Dis | posed o | f, or | Ben | efici | ally | Owne | ed | | | |
| Date | | | | | Ex Day/Year) if a | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Di | | | urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | and Securi | | es ally Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | Price | - 11 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111341. 4) |
| Common Stock 05/ | | | | 05/30 | /2018 | | | | P | | 10,000 | | A | \$4 | | 25,000 | | | T I | See Footnote ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 10,000 | | | I | By IRA | | | | |
| | 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) if any (Month/Day | | n Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5 | ative rities ired osed | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | | e Amoun Securit Underly Derivat | | unt of irities erlying vative irity (Ir 4) Am or Nu of | nt of lities ! lying (litive itive ity (Instr. 3 | | rice of vative urity tr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares are held directly by the Barthold Family Foundation, for which the Reporting Person serves as a Trustee.

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer,

06/01/2018 Attorney-in-Fact for Gordon

Ringold

** 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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