FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Seeto Reginald						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ ARDX ]						(Ched	k all applica Director	able)	) Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	vner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARDELYX, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2016						X	below)	give title	ating	below)	респу			
34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable						
(Street) FREMONT CA 94555					_   4.	4. II Amendinent, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line)	)						
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)												Person				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed Of Code (Instr.		ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar				s lly ollowing	Form:	: Direct   I Indirect   I str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	Amount (A) or (D)		ice	Transacti	ransaction(s) Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 10/3			10/22	2/2016		A		113,636 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$		0.00	113,636			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)		Code (Instr.		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 Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number or derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	e s lly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				C	Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amor or Numl of Sh	oer		Transacti (Instr. 4)	un(s)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.2	10/22/2016			A		168,918		(2)	1	0/22/2026	Common Stock	168,	918	\$0.00	168,91	18	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs"). The reporting person is entitled to receive one (1) share of common stock for each one (1) RSU upon the vesting thereof.
- 2. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary measured from October 22, 2016, and the remaining shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable in 36 successive, equal monthly installments thereafter, 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 Reginald 10/26/2016

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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