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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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	obligations may continue. See
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Florence Anthony A. Jr.			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARDELYX</u> , <u>INC.</u> [ ARDX ]		ionship of Reporting F all applicable) Director	Person	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5425 WISCONSIN AVENUE SUITE 800		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2019		Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)	
(Street) CHEVY CHASE	MD	20815	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	dual or Joint/Group F Form filed by One R Form filed by More t Person	eport	ing Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trai Date		2A. Deemed Execution Date,			4. Securities A Disposed Of (			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		5)	_	-	Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311. 4)
Common Stock	12/09/2019		A		400,000	A	\$6.25	3,482,186	Ι	See Note 1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								3,082,186	Ι	See Note 2 <sup>(2)</sup>

### 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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				L

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 15 GP, LLC, ("NEA 15 GP") which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 15-OF, L.P. ("NEA Partners 15-OF"). NEA Partners 15-OF is the sole general partner of NEA 15 Opportunity Fund, L. P. ("NEA Opportunity 15"), the direct beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the securities held by NEA Opportunity 15 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

2. The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 15 GP, which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 15, L.P. ("NEA Partners 15"). NEA Partners 15 is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 15, L. P. ("NEA 15"), the direct beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the securities held by NEA 15 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

### **Remarks:**

/s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

12/09/2019

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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