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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* <u>Kaufmann Mark</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ARDELYX, INC.</u> <u>34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200</u> (Street) <u>FREMONT CA 94555</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/07/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	08/07/2017		A		26,512 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	48,588 ⁽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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.7	08/09/2017		A		26,512		(3)	08/09/2027	Common Stock	26,512	\$0.00	26,512	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. Includes 581 shares acquired by the Reporting Person on February 28, 2017 under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
3. The option becomes exercisable as it vests and the shares subject to the option vest with respect to 2/3 of the shares subject thereto on December 31, 2018 and 1/3 of the shares subject thereto on June 1, 2019, 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 08/11/2017

** 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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