FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Rosenbaum David P.						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ ARDX ]								(Chec	k all applica Director	Reporting Person(s) to Issuble)  10% Ow		mer	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2021								X	below)			below) nt Officer	
J-175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) FREMONT CA 94555													Line)	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)												i cison				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D						- 1	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and 5) Securitie Beneficia Owned F		s lly ollowing	Form	: Direct I r Indirect E str. 4) (	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Dwnership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pri	ice	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			1	Instr. 4)
Common Stock 01/05					5/202	/2021		A		32,612(1)		A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	165,659			D		
Common Stock 01/08				5/202	/2021			A	A		8,500 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$0	30,162				By Wife <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock													77,592				Family Frust <sup>(3)</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	xercise (Month/Day/Year) if any e of vative (Month/Day		ate, Transac			Derivative		6. Date Exercisal 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. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				C	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha	er		(Instr. 4)	onio		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.35	01/05/2021			A		146,755		(4)	0	1/05/2031	Commor Stock	146,	755	\$0.00	146,75	55	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.35	01/05/2021			A		37,500		(4)	0	1/05/2031	Commor Stock	37,5	500	\$0.00	37,50	0	I	By Wife <sup>(2)</sup>

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The Reporting Person is entitled to receive one (1) shares of Common Stock for each one (1) RSU upon the vesting thereof.
- 2. The shares are directly held by the Reporting Person's wife.
- 3. The shares are directly held by David Paul Rosenbaum and Susan Edelstein Rosenbaum, Trustees of the David Paul Rosenbaum Family Trust.
- 4. The option becomes exercisable as it vests and the shares subject to the option vest in 48 successive, equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of January 5, 2021, 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 David

01/07/2021

Rosenbaum

\*\* 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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