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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KERINS PATRICK J | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX] | | | | | | | | | | | | o of Reportin dicable) ctor | Ü | rson(s) to Is | | | | |
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| (Last) 1954 GR SUITE 6 | EENSPRI | First) NG DRIVE | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2014 | | | | | | | | | | Office below | er (give title v) | | Other (specif below) | | | | |
| (Street) TIMONI (City) | UM M | | 21093 (Zip) | | - 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | , | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | า-Deriv | ative | e Se | curiti | es Ac | qu | iired, | Disp | osed o | f, o | r Ben | efic | ially | Owne | ed | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Trans Date (Month/ | | ar) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | , | 3. Transa Code (I 8) | | | | | | 4 and Secu Bene Own | | Amount of curities neficially vned Following | | wnership m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | ľ | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Pric | rice Tran | | eported ansaction(s) istr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,619,734 | | I | | See Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock 12/23/ | | | | | 3/2014 | 2014 | | | | J ⁽²⁾ | | 10,000 | | D | \$0 | | 0 | | | I | See Note 3 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Common Stock 12/23/ | | | | | /2014 | | | | J ⁽⁴⁾ | | 241 | | A | , | \$ <mark>0</mark> | | 241 | | 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) | erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, ecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | action (Instr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Ex (M | Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Date | | | Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of | | nstr. 3 nount mber | nt er | | | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 12 GP, LLC, ("NEA 12 GP") which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 12, Limited Partnership ("NEA Partners 12"). NEA Partners 12 is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 12, Limited Partnership ("NEA 12"), 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 12 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.
- 2. NEA Partners 12 made a pro rata distribution for no consideration of an aggregate of 10,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer to its limited partners on December 23, 2014.
- 3. The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 12 GP, the sole general partner of NEA Partners 12. 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 of the Issuer held by NEA Partners 12 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.
- 4. The Reporting Person received 241 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the distribution by NEA Partners 12 on December 23, 2014.

/s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-

12/29/2014

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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.

- * 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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