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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Blanks Robert</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ARDELYX, INC.</u> <u>400 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 210</u> (Street) <u>WALTHAM</u> <u>MA</u> <u>02451</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARDELYX, INC.</u> [<u>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>See Remarks</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/23/2023</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | |

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 | 06/23/2023 | | M | | 33,333 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$3.42 | 299,467 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/23/2023 | | s | | 33,333 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$3.6313 ⁽²⁾ | 266,134 | 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 | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$3.42 | 06/23/2023 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 33,333 | 07/18/2014 ⁽³⁾ | 07/18/2023 | Common Stock | 33,333 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This transaction relates an option that would have expired on July 18, 2023 and does not result in a reduction of shares held outright by the Reporting Person. The shares acquired upon the exercise of the option were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 stock trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on March 24, 2023. accordingly, the Reporting Person had no discretion with regard to the timing of the transaction.
2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$3.62 to \$3.70, inclusive. The price reported in Column 4 above reflects the weighted average sales price. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.
3. The option, which was granted on July 18, 2013, and has an expiration date of July 18, 2023, is fully vested and exercisable.

Remarks:

Chief Regulatory and Quality Affairs Officer

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer,
Attorney-in-Fact for Robert Blanks

** 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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