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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Jacobs Jeffrey W</u>				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ ARDX ]						(Ched	ck all applica	able)	g Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ov Other (s	vner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARDELYX, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2021						X	below)	респу					
34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
(Street)	NT C	A	94555		,,						Line)	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)											1 013011				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Date			2. Transac Date (Month/Da	Execution Date		n Date,	e, Transaction Disp Code (Instr.			urities Acquired (A) o sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo	s Formula (D) of collowing (I) (II)		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code	v	Amount	mount (A) or (D)		Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	ction(s)			(IIISU. 4)	
Common Stock			01/05/2	5/2021			A		32,612 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	125,474			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)	Code (Instr.		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 derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported	e s illy	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Cod	e V	(A)		Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	Amo or Nun of S			Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)			
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.35	01/05/2021		A		146,755		(2)	0	1/05/2031	Commor Stock	146	5,755	\$0.00	146,755		D	

## **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 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 Jeffrey W. 01/07/2021 **Jacobs** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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