

ARDELYX, INC.

Form 4

February 18, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Kaufmann Mark

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ARDELYX, INC., 34175
ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 100**

(Street)

FREMONT, CA 94555

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

02/16/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Stock	02/16/2016		M ⁽¹⁾	5,000	A \$ 0.54 6,282	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2016		S ⁽¹⁾	5,000	D \$ 10.2543 1,282	D	
					(2)		

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.54	02/16/2016		M ⁽¹⁾	5,000	⁽³⁾ 08/11/2021	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Kaufmann Mark C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 100 FREMONT, CA 94555	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark Kaufmann
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 17, 2015.
This transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$10.14 to \$10.37, 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 is fully vested and exercisable.

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