

ARDELYX, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GRAMMER ELIZABETH A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ARDELYX, INC., 34175  
ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200

(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)  
09/19/2016

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)

SVP, General Counsel

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2016                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,000 A \$ 1.08   | 6,859 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2016                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 6,859 D \$ 11.2087  | 0   | D  |  |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 1.08  | 09/19/2016                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,500   | <sup>(4)</sup> 10/26/2020                                | Common Stock  | 2,500                         |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 1.08  | 09/19/2016                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,500   | <sup>(4)</sup> 04/15/2021                                | Common Stock  | 2,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                      |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                |
| GRAMMER ELIZABETH A<br>C/O ARDELYX, INC.<br>34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200<br>FREMONT, CA 94555 |               |           |         | SVP, General Counsel |

## Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer 09/21/2016

\*\*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 August 19, 2016.
- (2) Includes an aggregate of 1,859 shares acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on February 29, 2016.  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.04 to \$11.26, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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(4) The option is fully vested and exercisable.

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