ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 October 26, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Seeto Reginald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2016

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

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X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FREMONT, CA 94555

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

10/22/2016

113,636 A (1)

\$0 113,636

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)

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.2	10/22/2016		A	168,918	(2)	10/22/2026	Common Stock	168,918

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Seeto Reginald C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200 FREMONT, CA 94555

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Reginald Seeto 10/26/2016

**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) Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs"). The reporting person is entitled to receive one (1) share of common stock for each one (1) RSU upon the vesting thereof.
- Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary measured from October 22, 2016, and the remaining shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable in 36 successive, equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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