ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 October 28, 2015

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Bertrand William C JR

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O ARDELYX, INC., 34175

ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Street)

FREMONT, CA 94555

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Code

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Beneficially

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 8) (A)

or Code V Amount (D) Price 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Owned

Following

Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	-	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.18	10/26/2015		A		25,000		<u>(1)</u>	10/26/2025	Common Stock	25,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director

Dire

## **Signatures**

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for William
Bertrand Jr.

10/28/2015

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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).

The option becomes exercisable as it vests and the shares subject to the option vest in 36 successive, equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of October 26, 2015, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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