ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 January 14, 2016

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SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BARRETT M JAMES** Issuer Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director __ 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 1954 GREENSPRING 01/13/2016 below) DRIVE, SUITE 600 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

TIMONIUM, MD 21093

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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

Applicable Line)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price See Note 2 Common 01/13/2016 $P^{(1)}$ \$ 10 7,988,893 500,000 Stock (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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BARRETT M JAMES 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE SUITE 600 TIMONIUM, MD 21093		X					

Signatures

/s/ Sasha Keough, 01/14/2016 attorney-in-fact

**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) Reports the purchase of shares in the underwritten public offering of common stock of Ardelyx, Inc.
 - The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 12 GP, LLC, ("NEA 12 GP") which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 12, Limited Partnership ("NEA Partners 12"). NEA Partners 12 is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 12, Limited Partnership
- (2) ("NEA 12"), the direct beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the securities held by NEA 12 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

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