ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 July 20, 2016

FORM 4

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, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Weller Harry R

(First) (Middle) (Last)

1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE, SUITE 600

(City)

Common

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

Stock

(Street)

(State)

07/18/2016

07/18/2016

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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Director Officer (give title below)

Issuer

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

10% Owner Other (specify

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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

6.

Ownership

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

(D) or

Form: Direct

TIMONIUM, MD 21093

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

or Code V (D) Amount 763,651

8.73 763,650 A

(A)

4. Securities Acquired

Price 2,665,520

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Owned

Beneficially

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2,665,519 I See Note 2 (2)

See Note 3 (3)

7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

See Note I 4 (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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
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						Date	Expiration		or Name la sur		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Weller Harry R 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE SUITE 600 TIMONIUM, MD 21093		X					

Signatures

/s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-fact 07/20/2016

**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) Acquired from the issuer pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated July 14, 2016, with a closing date of July 18, 2016.
 - The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 15 GP, LLC, ("NEA 15 GP") which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 15, L.P. ("NEA Partners 15"). NEA Partners 15 is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 15, L. P. ("NEA 15"), the direct
- (2) 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 15 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.
 - The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 15 GP which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 15-OF, L.P. ("NEA Partners 15-OF"). NEA Partners 15-OF is the sole general partner of NEA 15 Opportunity Fund, L. P. ("NEA Opportunity 15"), the direct
- (3) 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 Opportunity 15 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

(4)

Reporting Owners 2

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The shares are directly held by the Harry Richard Weller Revocable Trust, Harry Richard Weller and Rachel Moore Weller, Trustees dtd November 29, 2007 (the "Harry Weller Trust"). 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 shares held by the Harry Weller Trust in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

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