ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 January 23, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

Stock

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

below)

10% Owner

C/O ARDELYX, INC., 34175

(Street)

(State)

01/19/2017

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, General Counsel

ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

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

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

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

Code V

Amount (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 01/19/2017

17,985 A A \$0 17,985 (1)

(A)

Price

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)		(
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.9	01/19/2017		A	79,535	(2)	01/19/2027	Common Stock	79,535	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRAMMER ELIZABETH A C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200 FREMONT, CA 94555

SVP, General Counsel

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Elizabeth
Grammer

**Signature of 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) shares of Common Stock for each one (1) RSU upon the vesting thereof.
- The option becomes exercisable as it vests and the shares subject to the option vest in 48 successive, equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of January 19, 2017, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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