ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 July 20, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SANDELL SCOTT D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(encon an approach)			
1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE, SUITE 600			(Month/Day/Year)	DirectorX 10% Owner			
			07/18/2016	Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
TIMONIUM, MD 21093			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecuriti	ies Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired r(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	07/18/2016		P(1)	763,650	A	\$ 8.73	8,752,543	I	See Note 2 (2)	
Common Stock	07/18/2016		P(1)	763,651	A	\$ 8.73	2,665,520	I	See Note 3 (3)	
Common Stock	07/18/2016		P(1)	763,650	A	\$ 8.73	2,665,519	I	See Note 4 (4)	
Common Stock							592	I	See Note 5 (5)	

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 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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired		ate	Amou Under Secur	le and ant of rlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo
	·				(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SANDELL SCOTT D 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE SUITE 600 TIMONIUM, MD 21093

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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 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.
- (3) 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 beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the

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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
- (4) 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.
- The securities are directly held by Rising River Partners, L.P. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of (5) Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the securities of the Issuer held by Rising River Partners, L.P. in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

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