

ARDELYX, INC.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Sakoda Jon | | (Month/Day/Year) | ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 06/05/2015 | |
| 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE,Â SUITE 600 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| TIMONIUM,Â MDÂ 21093 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 1,401,869 | I | See Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 1,401,869 | I | See Note 2 ⁽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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Common Stock Warrant (right to buy) | 06/05/2015 | 06/05/2020 | Common Stock | 420,561 | \$ 13.91 | I | See Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock Warrant (right to buy) | 06/05/2015 | 06/05/2020 | Common Stock | 420,561 | \$ 13.91 | I | See Note 2 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sakoda Jon 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE SUITE 600 TIMONIUM, MD 21093 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Sasha Keough,
attorney-in-fact

06/09/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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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

(1) 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

(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 Opportunity 15 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

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