ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 December 17, 2015

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Middle)

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Jacobs Jeffrey W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

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

12/15/2015

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

C/O ARDELYX, INC., 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) SVP, Technical Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Director

FREMONT, CA 94555

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-Do | erivative S | ecurities A | Acquired, Disposed | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) Pri | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2015 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 2,000 | A \$ 0.5 | 4 49,420 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2015 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 2,000 | D \$2 | 0 47,420 | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number omf Derivation Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | ve Expiration I (Month/Day | 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) | \$ 0.54 | 12/15/2015 | | M(1) | 2,00 | 0 (2) | 08/11/2021 | Common Stock | 2,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | Keiationsnips | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|-------|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |

Jacobs Jeffrey W C/O ARDELYX, INC.

34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200

FREMONT, CA 94555

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey W. Jacobs

12/17/2015

SVP, Technical Operations

**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) Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on June 25, 2015.
- (2) The option is fully vested and exercisable.

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