ARDELYX, INC. Form 3 June 09, 2015 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31, **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: 2005 **SECURITIES** Estimated average

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Florence Anthony A. Jr.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/05/2015	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
5425 WISCONSIN AVENUE, SUITE 800				(Check all applicable)						
	(Street)			Director Officer (give title below)	Other		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting			
CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815						Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivati	ve Securiti	es Bei	Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1			
Common Sto	ock		1,401,869		Ι	See 1	Note 1 (1)			
Common Sto	ock		1,401,869		Ι	See 1	Note 2 $\frac{(2)}{2}$			

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)

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, o	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Florence Anthony A. Jr. 5425 WISCONSIN AVENUE SUITE 800 CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815	Â	X	Â	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-fact	06/09/2015					

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Date

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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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