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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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| 1. Name and Adda BASKETT FC | ^ | ing Person * | 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 | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | DirectorX 10% Owner | | |
| 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE, SUITE 600 (Street) | | | 01/13/2016 | Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
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| (City) | (State) (| Table | e I - Non-D | erivative Se | ecuriti | es Acqu | uired, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | s Acquired osed of (D) 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) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2016 | | P(1) | 500,000 | A | \$ 10 | 7,988,893 | I | See Note 2 (2) |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2016 | | P(1) | 500,000 | A | \$ 10 | 1,901,869 | I | See Note 3 (3) |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2016 | | P <u>(1)</u> | 500,000 | A | \$ 10 | 1,901,869 | I | See Note 4 (4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 485 | I | See Note 5 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | iorNu | ımbe D a | at T itlDerivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | E | xearoidSabderity | Securities | Form of | Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) |) De | eriva tān | dAm(duntr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
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| | Security | | | | Acquir@ateInderlying | | | Following | Direct (D) | |
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