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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KERINS PATRICK J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

(Check all applicable)

1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE, SUITE 600

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

Director Officer (give title below)

X 10% Owner Other (specify

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/23/2014

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

TIMONIUM, MD 21093

(City)

Stock

| | | | | | | | | * | • |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------|--|--|---|----------------|
| 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) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (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 | | | | | ` , | | 5,619,734 | I | See Note 1 (1) |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2014 | | J(2) | 10,000 | D | \$0 | 0 | I | See Note 3 (3) |
| Common | 12/23/2014 | | J <u>(4)</u> | 241 | A | \$ 0 | 241 | 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)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amour | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
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| | | | | C 1 W | (A) (D) | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | , | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-fact

**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).
 - 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
- (1) ("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.
- (2) NEA Partners 12 made a pro rata distribution for no consideration of an aggregate of 10,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer to its limited partners on December 23, 2014.
- The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 12 GP, the sole general partner of NEA Partners 12. The Reporting Person disclaims

 (3) 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 of the Issuer held by NEA Partners 12 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.
- (4) The Reporting Person received 241 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the distribution by NEA Partners 12 on December 23, 2014. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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