

ARDELYX, INC.
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BARRIS PETER J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1954 GREENSPRING
DRIVE, SUITE 600

(Street)

TIMONIUM, MD 21093

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/18/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X_ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	07/18/2016		P(1)	763,650 A \$ 8.73	8,752,543	I	See Note 2 (2)
Common Stock	07/18/2016		P(1)	763,651 A \$ 8.73	2,665,520	I	See Note 3 (3)
Common Stock	07/18/2016		P(1)	763,650 A \$ 8.73	2,665,519	I	See Note 4 (4)
Common Stock					444	I	See Note 5 (5)
Common Stock					136	I	See Note 6 (6)

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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
- (4) 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.

- The Reporting Person is a member of PJ Barris, LLC, which is the direct beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person
- (5) 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 of the Issuer held by PJ Barris, LLC in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

- The Reporting Person is the investment advisor of PDB LLC, which is the direct beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person
- (6) 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 of the Issuer held by PDB LLC in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

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