KERINS PATRICK J

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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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See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KERINS PATRICK J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|---|--|---------|--|--|--|----------------|--|
| (Last) 1954 GREE | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/25/2018 | | | | Chec Director Officer (give below) | ck all applicable) X 10% Owner e title Other (specify below) | | | |
| DRIVE, SU | | | | | | below) | | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| TIMONIUM, MD 21093 | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative So | ecuriti | es Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year | Execution any | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securition(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 | posed o | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2018 | | | A | 416,667 | A | \$4 | 9,169,210 | I | See Note 1 (1) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 241 | D | | |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title | e of 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title a | and 8 | 3. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Securit | ty or Exercis | e | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underlyi | ing S | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. | 3) Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securitie | es (| Instr. 5) | Bene |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| KERINS PATRICK J 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE SUITE 600 TIMONIUM, MD 21093 | | X | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-fact 05/30/2018

**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.

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