ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 January 20, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations may continue.

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section See Instruction 1(b).

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Arasaratnam Narani

Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2016

C/O ARDELYX, INC., 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD., SUITE 200

(State)

(First)

(Street)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, Corporate Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FREMONT, CA 94555

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common $A^{(1)}$ 08/31/2015 1.232 Α 1,232 D 13.991 Stock

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 10.55	01/15/2016		A	20,540	(2)	01/15/2026	Common Stock	20,540

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Arasaratnam Narani C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD., SUITE 200 FREMONT, CA 94555

VP, Corporate Controller

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Narani Arasaratnam

01/20/2016

**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).
- (1) The shares were acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on August 31, 2015.
- The option becomes exercisable as it vests and the shares subject to the option vest in 48 successive, equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of January 15, 2016, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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