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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRAMMER ELIZABETH A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

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

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

09/19/2016

SVP, General Counsel 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

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FREMONT, CA 94555

(City)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/19/2016		M(1)	5,000	A	\$ 1.08	6,859 (2)	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2016		S <u>(1)</u>	6,859	D	\$ 11.2087	0	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			5. Number mof Derivative 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.08	09/19/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	2,500	<u>(4)</u>	10/26/2020	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.08	09/19/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	2,500	<u>(4)</u>	04/15/2021	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRAMMER ELIZABETH A C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200 FREMONT, CA 94555

SVP, General Counsel

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Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth
Grammer

**Signature of Person

Date

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) Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 19, 2016.
- (2) Includes an aggregate of 1,859 shares acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on February 29, 2016.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.04 to \$11.26, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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(4) The option is fully vested and exercisable.

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