

ARDELYX, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RAAB MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

FREMONT, CA 94555

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/19/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (D) Price  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/19/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 17,985<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 0 19,503 D                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 70,385  | I  | See Footnote (2)                  |

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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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)                | \$ 13.9  | 01/19/2017                           |  | A                              | 318,141   | (3) 01/19/2027   | Common Stock 318,141  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| RAAB MICHAEL<br>C/O ARDELYX, INC.<br>34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200<br>FREMONT, CA 94555 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael Raab  
01/23/2017

\_\_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) Restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The Reporting Person is entitled to receive one (1) shares of Common Stock for each one (1) RSU upon the vesting thereof.
- (2) The shares are directly held by Michael G. Raab, Trustee of the Michael G. Raab Living Trust dated July 25, 2012.
- (3) 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 19, 2017, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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