

ARDELYX, INC.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Shaw Bryan		(Month/Day/Year)	ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]	
(Last)	(First)	12/01/2016	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
C/O ARDELYX, INC.,Â 34175			(Check all applicable)	
ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE			_____ Director _____ 10% Owner	
200			_X_ Officer _____ Other	
(Street)			(give title below) (specify below)	
FREMONT,Â CAÂ 94555			Chief Accounting Officer	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of		

				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	11/21/2026	Common Stock	33,790	\$ 15.4	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shaw Bryan C/O ARDELIX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200 FREMONT, CA 94555	Â	Â	Â Chief Accounting Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Bryan Shaw	12/16/2016
<u>        </u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary measured from November 21, 2016, and the remaining shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable in 36 successive, equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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