ARDELYX, INC. Form 4 January 27, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

Seeto Reginald

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

(Street)

FREMONT, CA 94555

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]

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

01/26/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. Code

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	Í	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.9	01/26/2017		A		26,511		<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2027	Common Stock	26,511

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Seeto Reginald C/O ARDELYX, INC. 34175 ARDENWOOD B

34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 200 Chief Operating Officer

FREMONT, CA 94555

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Reginald
Seeto 01/27/2017

**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).

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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