

ARDELYX, INC.
Form 8-K
August 10, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 9, 2018

ARDELYX, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 001-36485 | 26-1303944 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification Number) |

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Fremont, CA 94555

(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (510) 745-1700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 9, 2018, Ardelyx, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Sales Agreement (the “Sales Agreement”) with Leerink Partners LLC (“Leerink”) to sell shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Common Stock”), with aggregate gross sales proceeds of up to \$50,000,000, from time to time, through an “at the market offering” program under which Leerink will act as sales agent.

Under the Sales Agreement, the Company will set the parameters for the sale of shares, including the number of shares to be issued, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, limitations on the number of shares that may be sold in any one trading day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Sales Agreement, Leerink may sell the shares by methods deemed to be an “at the market offering” as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made through The Nasdaq Global Market or any other trading market for our common stock. Leerink will use its commercially reasonable efforts in conducting such sales activities consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. Leerink and the Company each have the right, by giving written notice as specified in the Sales Agreement, to terminate the Sales Agreement in each party’s sole discretion at any time.

The Sales Agreement provides that Leerink will be entitled to compensation for its services equal to 3.0% of the gross proceeds of any shares of common stock sold through Leerink under the Sales Agreement. The Company has no obligation to sell any shares under the Sales Agreement, and may at any time suspend solicitation and offers under the Sales Agreement.

The shares will be issued pursuant to the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-217441). The Company filed a prospectus supplement, dated August 9, 2018 with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the offer and sale of the shares pursuant to the Sales Agreement.

The foregoing description of the material terms of the Sales Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 1.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The legal opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP relating to the shares of Common Stock that may be sold pursuant to Sales Agreement is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy the securities discussed herein, nor shall there be any offer, solicitation or sale of the securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such

state.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1.2 | <u>Sales Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2018, between Ardelyx, Inc. and Leerink Partners LLC</u> |
| 5.1 | <u>Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.</u> |
| 23.1 | <u>Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u> |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 9, 2018 ARDELYX, INC.

By: /s/ Mark Kaufmann
Mark Kaufmann
Chief Financial Officer
