

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information	
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ☐	
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ☐	

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information					
1a Name of plan <u>ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/2008</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/2008</u>	
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2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>ARDELYX, INC.</u> <u>400 FIFTH AVENUE</u> <u>SUITE 210</u> <u>WALTHAM, MA 02451-8746</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-1303944</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>551-316-7887</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541700</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-1303944</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>551-316-7887</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541700</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541700</u>					

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/23/2022	ANA MURPHY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	161
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		6a(1)	128
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	212
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	124
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	336
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	336
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	193
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ <u>0</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2021
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARDELYX, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1303944	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	3030	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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c Position:	
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARDELYX, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1303944	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	152213	164472
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	90699	77659
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	13755324	17141493
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	13998236	17383624

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	13998236	17383624
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	0	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2867140	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	1291918	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	4159058
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	25	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	6051	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		6076
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	1487069	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1487069
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		1370337
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		7022540
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	3633075	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		3633075
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		0
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	1047	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	3030	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		4077
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		3637152
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		3385388
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unmodified (2) ☒ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: EISNER AMPER

(2) EIN: 87-1363769

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARDELYX, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1303944

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107	
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2021
v. 201209

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

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ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2021 (AUDITED) and 2020 (COMPILED)
(with supplemental information)**



ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries
of the Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan
Waltham, MA

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including the form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Report on Compiled 2020 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan, which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy, or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements as of December 31, 2020.

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Florham Park, New Jersey
December 21, 2022



ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(Audited)	(Compiled)
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 17,305,965</u>	<u>\$ 13,907,537</u>
Notes receivable from participants	<u>77,659</u>	<u>90,699</u>
Contributions receivable:		
Participants	<u>-</u>	<u>41,047</u>
Total assets	<u>17,383,624</u>	<u>14,039,283</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 17,383,624</u>	<u>\$ 14,039,283</u>

ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2021 (Audited)

Additions:

Investment income:

Net realized/unrealized appreciation in value of investments	\$ 1,370,337
Interest	25
Dividends	<u>1,487,069</u>

2,857,431

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>6,051</u>
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Contributions:

Participants	2,826,093
Rollovers	<u>1,291,918</u>

4,118,011

Total additions	<u>6,981,493</u>
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Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	3,621,671
Deemed distributions of notes receivable from participants	11,404
Administrative expenses	<u>4,077</u>

Total deductions	<u>3,637,152</u>
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Net increase	3,344,341
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Net assets available for benefits – beginning of year	<u>14,039,283</u>
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Net assets available for benefits – end of year	<u>\$ 17,383,624</u>
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ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 (Audited), and 2020 (Compiled)

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

[1] General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Ardelyx, Inc. (the “Company”), as defined by the Plan, who are age 21 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The trustee of the Plan is Fidelity Management Trust Company and the recordkeeper is Fidelity Workplace Services.

[2] Contributions:

Participants may contribute up to 90% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. In addition, participants may contribute up to 90% of after-tax compensation, as defined by the Plan. In no event may participant pre-tax and Roth contributions exceed any statutory limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

The Company may make discretionary matching employer contributions at the option of the Company’s Board of Directors. To be eligible for discretionary matching employer contributions, a participant must be an active participant during the contribution period. There were no discretionary matching employer contributions made by the Company to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021. Participants direct the investment of participant and discretionary matching employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

[3] Participant accounts:

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution and allocations of (a) the Company’s contributions, if any, (b) Plan earnings (losses), and may be charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

[4] Vesting:

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company’s discretionary matching employer contributions portion of their accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vesting</u>
1 year	25%
2 years	50%
3 years	75%
4 years	100%

ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 (Audited), and 2020 (Compiled)

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

[5] Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years; however, terms may exceed five years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates at prime plus 1%. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the notes bear interest from 4.25% to 6.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through semi-monthly payroll deductions. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

[6] Payment of benefits:

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or their beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution. In service distributions, up to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, are allowed if the participant has attained the age 59 ½ or normal retirement age and from rollover accounts at any time, with a minimum distribution of \$500. Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible following severance of employment. For distributions over \$5,000, participant consent is required. For distributions between \$1,000 and \$4,999, participant consent is not required, and distribution will be rolled over to an IRA designated by the Plan Administrator.

[7] Forfeitures:

Forfeited nonvested accounts may be used to reduce future Company discretionary matching employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2021, no forfeitures were utilized. Forfeited nonvested accounts available at December 31, 2021 and 2020 were approximately \$53 and \$48, respectively.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Basis of accounting:

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

[2] Subsequent events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through December 21, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 (Audited), and 2020 (Compiled)

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

[3] Investment valuation and income recognition:

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in the value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

[4] Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

[5] Plan expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses, other than management services, are included in the net appreciation of fair value of investments.

[6] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

[7] Excess contributions payable:

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

NOTE C - INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and related investment activity and notes receivable from participants and related activity in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The FASB's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investment assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual Funds – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Money Market Fund – Valued at the NAV, which is the fund's readily determinable fair value.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth, by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

Investment Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021 (Audited)

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 17,141,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,141,493
Money Market Fund	-	164,472	-	164,472
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 17,141,493</u>	<u>\$ 164,472</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17,305,965</u>

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investment Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020 (Compiled)

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 13,755,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,755,324
Money Market Fund	-	152,213	-	152,213
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 13,755,324</u>	<u>\$ 152,213</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,907,537</u>

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of any level as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers into or out of any level for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The following describes the investment strategy for money market funds held by the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Fidelity Government Money Market Fund – The fund's objective seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity.

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a non-standardized form of a prototype plan sponsored by Fidelity Management Trust Company. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated in an opinion letter that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the Plan trustee and, therefore, transactions related to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Fidelity Workplace Services, Plan recordkeeper, were \$4,077 for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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NOTE G - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan's investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2021 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

The extent of the impact of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak on the financial performance of the Plan's investments will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and related advisories and restrictions and the impact of COVID-19 on the financial markets and the overall economy, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. If the financial markets and/or the overall economy are impacted for an extended period, the Plan's investment results may be materially adversely affected.

COVID-19 poses risks to the Company as well, given that such public health epidemics, if sustained, could impact Company employees, customers, supply chain and production in affected regions. Additionally, a prolonged widespread epidemic could adversely impact global economies and financial markets resulting in an economic downturn that may impact demand for the Company's products. Such impacts could adversely affect Company profitability, cash flows and financial results. At this point, the extent to which the coronavirus may impact the Company's financial results is uncertain.

NOTE H - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

NOTE I - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements as of December 31, 2020, to Form 5500:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 14,039,283
Contributions receivable - participants	<u>(41,047)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 13,998,236</u>

The following is a reconciliation of changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, to Form 5500:

Total increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 3,344,341
Participant contributions	<u>41,047</u>
Total increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,385,388</u>

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Employer Identification No. 26-1303944, Plan No. 001
Schedule H, Line 4(i) of Form 5500
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2021

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value
	Mutual funds:		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund	\$ 2,271,325
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity OTC Portfolio	1,841,696
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Total Market Index Fund	1,705,221
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	1,501,560
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	1,274,144
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	1,134,323
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	1,012,281
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	676,545
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	672,053
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	530,643
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	524,790
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Puritan Fund	491,752
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	409,081
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Small Cap Value Fund	400,693
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Fund	276,512
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Large Cap Stock Fund	266,795
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Small Cap Discovery Fund	262,739
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity International Discovery Fund	231,386
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Overseas Fund	170,942
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund	155,900
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Intermediate Bond Fund	119,930
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Focused Stock Fund	104,686
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Real Estate Investment Portfolio	99,161
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	98,823
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Capital Appreciation Fund	92,617
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Equity-Income Fund	90,973
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Short-Term Bond Fund	77,347
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Leveraged Company Stock Fund	75,835
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Stock Selector Large Cap Value	74,432
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Value Fund	72,310
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Value Strategies Fund	67,964
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Dividend Growth Fund	63,177
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Growth Strategies Fund	61,605

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Schedule H, Line 4(i) of Form 5500
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)
December 31, 2021

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value
	Mutual funds: (continued)		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	\$ 49,456
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Intl. Capital Appreciation Fund	44,435
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	42,128
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Equity Dividend Income Fund	27,832
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	26,559
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Stock Selector Small Cap Fund	14,731
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	14,073
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Value Discovery Fund	13,038
			<u>17,141,493</u>
	Money market fund:		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	<u>164,472</u>
*	Notes receivable from participants Maturity dates range from June 2022 to November 2030	Bearing interest at 4.25% - 6.50%	<u>77,659</u>
			<u><u>\$ 17,383,624</u></u>

* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2021 (AUDITED) and 2020 (COMPILED)
(with supplemental information)**



ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries
of the Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan
Waltham, MA

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including the form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Report on Compiled 2020 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan, which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy, or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements as of December 31, 2020.

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Florham Park, New Jersey
December 21, 2022



ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(Audited)	(Compiled)
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 17,305,965</u>	<u>\$ 13,907,537</u>
Notes receivable from participants	<u>77,659</u>	<u>90,699</u>
Contributions receivable:		
Participants	<u>-</u>	<u>41,047</u>
Total assets	<u>17,383,624</u>	<u>14,039,283</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 17,383,624</u>	<u>\$ 14,039,283</u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2021 (Audited)

Additions:

Investment income:

Net realized/unrealized appreciation in value of investments	\$ 1,370,337
Interest	25
Dividends	<u>1,487,069</u>

2,857,431

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>6,051</u>
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Contributions:

Participants	2,826,093
Rollovers	<u>1,291,918</u>

4,118,011

Total additions	<u>6,981,493</u>
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Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	3,621,671
Deemed distributions of notes receivable from participants	11,404
Administrative expenses	<u>4,077</u>

Total deductions	<u>3,637,152</u>
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Net increase	3,344,341
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Net assets available for benefits – beginning of year	<u>14,039,283</u>
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Net assets available for benefits – end of year	<u>\$ 17,383,624</u>
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ARDELYX, INC. 401(K) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 (Audited), and 2020 (Compiled)

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Ardelyx, Inc. 401(K) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

[1] General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Ardelyx, Inc. (the "Company"), as defined by the Plan, who are age 21 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The trustee of the Plan is Fidelity Management Trust Company and the recordkeeper is Fidelity Workplace Services.

[2] Contributions:

Participants may contribute up to 90% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. In addition, participants may contribute up to 90% of after-tax compensation, as defined by the Plan. In no event may participant pre-tax and Roth contributions exceed any statutory limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

The Company may make discretionary matching employer contributions at the option of the Company's Board of Directors. To be eligible for discretionary matching employer contributions, a participant must be an active participant during the contribution period. There were no discretionary matching employer contributions made by the Company to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021. Participants direct the investment of participant and discretionary matching employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

[3] Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions, if any, (b) Plan earnings (losses), and may be charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

[4] Vesting:

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching employer contributions portion of their accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vesting</u>
1 year	25%
2 years	50%
3 years	75%
4 years	100%

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

[5] Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years; however, terms may exceed five years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates at prime plus 1%. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the notes bear interest from 4.25% to 6.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through semi-monthly payroll deductions. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

[6] Payment of benefits:

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or their beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution. In service distributions, up to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, are allowed if the participant has attained the age 59 ½ or normal retirement age and from rollover accounts at any time, with a minimum distribution of \$500. Distributions may be made as soon as administratively feasible following severance of employment. For distributions over \$5,000, participant consent is required. For distributions between \$1,000 and \$4,999, participant consent is not required, and distribution will be rolled over to an IRA designated by the Plan Administrator.

[7] Forfeitures:

Forfeited nonvested accounts may be used to reduce future Company discretionary matching employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2021, no forfeitures were utilized. Forfeited nonvested accounts available at December 31, 2021 and 2020 were approximately \$53 and \$48, respectively.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Basis of accounting:

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

[2] Subsequent events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through December 21, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

[3] Investment valuation and income recognition:

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in the value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

[4] Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

[5] Plan expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses, other than management services, are included in the net appreciation of fair value of investments.

[6] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

[7] Excess contributions payable:

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

NOTE C - INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and related investment activity and notes receivable from participants and related activity in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The FASB's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investment assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual Funds – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Money Market Fund – Valued at the NAV, which is the fund's readily determinable fair value.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth, by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

Investment Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021 (Audited)

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 17,141,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,141,493
Money Market Fund	-	164,472	-	164,472
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 17,141,493</u>	<u>\$ 164,472</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17,305,965</u>

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investment Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020 (Compiled)

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 13,755,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,755,324
Money Market Fund	-	152,213	-	152,213
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 13,755,324</u>	<u>\$ 152,213</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,907,537</u>

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of any level as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers into or out of any level for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The following describes the investment strategy for money market funds held by the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Fidelity Government Money Market Fund – The fund's objective seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity.

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted a non-standardized form of a prototype plan sponsored by Fidelity Management Trust Company. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated in an opinion letter that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the Plan trustee and, therefore, transactions related to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Fidelity Workplace Services, Plan recordkeeper, were \$4,077 for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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NOTE G - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan's investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2021 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

The extent of the impact of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak on the financial performance of the Plan's investments will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and related advisories and restrictions and the impact of COVID-19 on the financial markets and the overall economy, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. If the financial markets and/or the overall economy are impacted for an extended period, the Plan's investment results may be materially adversely affected.

COVID-19 poses risks to the Company as well, given that such public health epidemics, if sustained, could impact Company employees, customers, supply chain and production in affected regions. Additionally, a prolonged widespread epidemic could adversely impact global economies and financial markets resulting in an economic downturn that may impact demand for the Company's products. Such impacts could adversely affect Company profitability, cash flows and financial results. At this point, the extent to which the coronavirus may impact the Company's financial results is uncertain.

NOTE H - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

NOTE I - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements as of December 31, 2020, to Form 5500:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 14,039,283
Contributions receivable - participants	<u>(41,047)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 13,998,236</u>

The following is a reconciliation of changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, to Form 5500:

Total increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 3,344,341
Participant contributions	<u>41,047</u>
Total increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,385,388</u>

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Schedule H, Line 4(i) of Form 5500
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2021

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value
	Mutual funds:		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund	\$ 2,271,325
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity OTC Portfolio	1,841,696
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Total Market Index Fund	1,705,221
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	1,501,560
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	1,274,144
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	1,134,323
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	1,012,281
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	676,545
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	672,053
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	530,643
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	524,790
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Puritan Fund	491,752
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	409,081
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Small Cap Value Fund	400,693
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Fund	276,512
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Large Cap Stock Fund	266,795
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Small Cap Discovery Fund	262,739
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity International Discovery Fund	231,386
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Overseas Fund	170,942
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund	155,900
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Intermediate Bond Fund	119,930
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Focused Stock Fund	104,686
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Real Estate Investment Portfolio	99,161
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	98,823
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Capital Appreciation Fund	92,617
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Equity-Income Fund	90,973
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Short-Term Bond Fund	77,347
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Leveraged Company Stock Fund	75,835
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Stock Selector Large Cap Value	74,432
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Value Fund	72,310
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Value Strategies Fund	67,964
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Dividend Growth Fund	63,177
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Growth Strategies Fund	61,605

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December 31, 2021

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value
	Mutual funds: (continued)		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	\$ 49,456
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Intl. Capital Appreciation Fund	44,435
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	42,128
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Equity Dividend Income Fund	27,832
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	26,559
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Stock Selector Small Cap Fund	14,731
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	14,073
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Value Discovery Fund	13,038
			<u>17,141,493</u>
	Money market fund:		
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	<u>164,472</u>
*	Notes receivable from participants Maturity dates range from June 2022 to November 2030	Bearing interest at 4.25% - 6.50%	<u>77,659</u>
			<u><u>\$ 17,383,624</u></u>

* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.