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# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Quart Barry D			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE			05/07/2010	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				President and CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onor Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/07/2010		M(1)	25,000	. ,	\$ 3.9	66,515	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	22,596	D	\$ 21.1494 (2)	43,919	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	2,404	D	\$ 21.7014 (3)	41,515	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Da Securities (Month/Day/Y Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Lunderlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9	05/07/2010		M <u>(1)</u>	25,000	<u>(4)</u>	12/20/2016	Common Stock	25,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Quart Barry D 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X		President and CEO				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Barry D.
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\_\*\*Signature of Pate
Reporting Person

O5/07/2010

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The stock option exercise and sale of common stock reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan dated as of June 11, 2009.
- (2) The range of sales prices received was \$20.45 to \$21.42. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (3) The range of sales prices received was \$21.45 to \$22.38. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (4) 12.5% of the shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on June 21, 2007, and 12.5% of the shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on December 21, 2007. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the

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following 3 years.

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