

Quart Barry D
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Quart Barry D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4939 DIRECTORS PLACE

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]

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

05/19/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | | M | | 30,000 A \$ 3.9 | 51,511 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | | S | | 6,738 D \$ 16.299 | 44,773 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | | S | | 5,000 D \$ 15.15 | 39,773 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | | S | | 3,262 D \$ 14.9 | 36,511 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | | S | | 5,000 D \$ 15 | 31,511 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | S | 1,157 | D | \$ 15.2 | 30,354 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 15.15 | 29,254 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2009 | S | 2,743 | D | \$ 15.04 | 26,511 | 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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.9 | 05/19/2009 | | M | 30,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 12/20/2016 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

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/ Christian Waage Attorney-in-fact for Barry D.
Quart

05/21/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes an aggregate of 1,008 shares acquired under the Ardea Biosciences, Inc. 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on November 14, 2008 (504 shares) and May 14, 2009 (504 shares).
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
- (2) stock option vested and became exercisable on December 21, 2007. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following 3 years.

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