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(Print or Type Respo	nses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Quart Barry D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle)	(eck all applicabl	.e)	
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2009				_X_ Director10% Owner _X_ Officer (give titleOther (specify below) President and CEO			
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 				
SAN DIEGO, C.	A 92121						Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	Illy Owned	
	ansaction Date th/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) and 5) (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4 5)	of (D)				
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.95	12/16/2009		А	100,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2019	Common Stock	100,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Addr	ess	Re		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Quart Barry D 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X		President and CEO	
Signatures				
/s/ Barry D. Quart	12/18/2009			
<u>**</u> Signature of	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) The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments beginning one month after the Date of Grant (12/16/09).

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