POYHONEN JOHN

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

POYHONEN JOHN

(First) (Middle)

(Last)

4939 DIRECTORS PLACE

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4. TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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Indirect

Estimated average

burden hours per

1

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V Expiration Title (A) (D) Date Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Stock Option Common (1) 01/03/2020 \$ 14.29 01/04/2010 A 12,500 12,500 (Right to Stock Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

POYHONEN JOHN
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE X

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

/s/ John
Poyhonen

**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) Immediately exercisable, subject to a right of repurchase on behalf of the Issuer that lapses one year after the Transaction Date.

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