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FORM 4

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Common

Stock

10/06/2011

1. Name and Adda DAVIS STEPI		_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ymbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA	(Check all applicable)				
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE			Month/Day/Year) 0/06/2011	Director 10% Owner Selow) Other (give title Other (specify below) EVP & COO				
	(Street)		. If Amendment, Date Original iled(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities	Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
	Transaction Dat Ionth/Day/Year		Pate, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or					
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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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

DAVIS STEPHEN 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

EVP & COO

Signatures

/s/ Stephen 10/07/2011 **Davis**

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Represents vested shares of restricted stock that were withheld by the Issuer to satisfy the tax liability associated with the 521 shares that vested on October 6, 2011.
- (2) The sale of common stock reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan dated as of September 23, 2010.
- The range of sales prices received was \$15.27 to \$15.62. 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.

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