MANHARD KIMBERLY

Form 4

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1(b).

Common

Stock

01/30/2012

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MANHARD KIMBERLY			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ymbol Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)		(M	. Date of Earliest Transaction Month/Day/Year)	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE			1/30/2012	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Regulatory & Dev Ops			
(Street)			. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			iled(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Da any (Month/Day/	rate, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/30/2012		M(1) 5,000 A \$ 3.9	14,731 D			

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

 $S^{(1)}$

5,000

D

(2)

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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 proof 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	01/30/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	5,000	(3)	12/20/2016	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MANHARD KIMBERLY 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

SVP, Regulatory & Dev Ops

Signatures

/s/ Kimberly J. 01/31/2012 Manhard

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- * 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 22, 2011.
- (2) The range of sales prices received was \$17.74 to \$18.525. 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) 25% 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 following 3 years.

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