

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2010

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

President and CEO

4939 DIRECTORS PLACE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/16/2010 | | G | V 5,000 D \$ 0 | 37,202 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 20,000 A \$ 3.9 | 57,202 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2010 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 20,000 D \$ 21.9196 ⁽³⁾ | 37,202 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2010 | | M | 10,000 A \$ 3.9 | 47,202 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.9 | 12/08/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 20,000 | <u>(4)</u> 12/20/2016 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.9 | 12/10/2010 | | M | 10,000 | <u>(4)</u> 12/20/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

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/ Barry D.
Quart
12/10/2010
Date

**Signature of 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).
- (1) Includes 344 shares acquired under the Ardea Biosciences, Inc. 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on November 12, 2010.

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- (2) 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 11, 2009.
- (3) The range of sales prices received was \$21.65 to \$22.20. 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.
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
- (4) 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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