

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2011

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

December 16, 2011

Ardea Biosciences, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-33734

94-3200380

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4939 Directors Place, San Diego, California

92121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

858-652-6500

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

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2012 Base Salaries

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On December 16, 2011, the Board approved, on the Compensation Committee's recommendation, base salaries for our named executive officers. The following table sets forth the 2012 base salary with respect to each named executive officer.

Name/2012 Base Salary

Barry D. Quart, Pharm.D., Chief Executive Officer - \$530,000  
Stephen R. Davis, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer - \$400,000  
David T. Hagerty, M.D., Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer - \$328,100  
Kimberly J. Manhard, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Development Operations - \$325,600  
John W. Beck, Senior Vice President, Finance & Operations, Chief Financial Officer - \$309,900

2011 Incentive Cash Bonuses

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Our Board of Directors annually establishes targeted corporate goals, including research and development, business development and financial goals, for the ensuing fiscal year. The Compensation Committee and the Board establish maximum incentive cash bonus amounts for each named executive officer in the event that all corporate goals are achieved. Actual incentive cash bonuses paid are solely at the discretion of the Compensation Committee and the Board, may be higher or lower than the established target and are based on a subjective overall determination of our performance relative to the corporate goals and a subjective assessment of each executive's individual performance and contribution during the year. Based on that determination, on December 16, 2011, the Board approved, on the Compensation Committee's recommendation 2011 incentive cash bonuses to each named executive officer as set forth below:

Name/2011 Bonus

Barry D. Quart, Pharm. D., Chief Executive Officer - \$250,000  
Stephen R. Davis, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer - \$150,000  
David T. Hagerty, M.D., Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer - \$66,000\*  
Kimberly J. Manhard, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Development Operations - \$131,500  
John W. Beck, Senior Vice President, Finance & Operations, Chief Financial Officer - \$81,400

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\* bonus amount pro-rated due to Dr. Hagerty's March 1, 2011 hire date.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Ardea Biosciences, Inc.

*December 22, 2011*

By: */s/ Christian Waage*

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*Name: Christian Waage*

*Title: General Counsel*