Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE Form 4 December 19, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2008

(Check all applicable)

667 MADISON AVENUE 17TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

Officer (give title

Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY US 10021

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

12/19/2008

4. Securities Acquired 3. Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

7. Nature of 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D)

Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Through

Stock (1) (2)

P

820 (3) A

164,076

Price

I

Partnership (4)

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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Warrants	\$ 11.14	12/19/2008		P	205 (3)	06/17/2009	12/18/2013	Common Stock	205	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC 667 MADISON AVENUE 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY US 10021		X			
BAKER JULIAN 667 MADISON AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY US 10021		X			
BAKER FELIX 667 MADISON AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY US 10021		X			

Signatures

/s/ Julian C. Baker, as I	Managing Member of Baker Bros. Capital (GP),	
LLC		12/19/2008
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Julian C. Baker		12/19/2008
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Felix J. Baker		
75/ I CHA J. Dakel		12/19/2008
	**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).

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- In addition to Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC, this Form 4 is being filed jointly by Felix J. Baker and Julian C. Baker, each of whom has the same business address as Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in securities owned by it.

 Because of certain relationships with other security holders of the Issuer, the Reporting Persons are filing solely for informational purposes as if they were members of a group with such shareholders. (Continued in footnote 2)
- However, the Reporting Persons disclaim that they and any other person or persons in fact constitute a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Rule 13d 5 thereunder or that they are the beneficial owner of securities owned by such other persons, and each of them disclaims beneficial ownership of securities reported herein except to the extent of their pecuniary interest, if any, therein.
- (3) Represents securities purchased by Baker Bros. Investments II, L.P.
- Represents 75,183 shares owned directly by Baker Bros. Investments II, L.P. and 88,893 shares owned directly by Baker Bros.

 Investments, L.P., limited partnerships of which the sole general partner is Baker Bros. Capital, L.P., a limited partnership of which the sole general partner is Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC. Felix J. Baker and Julian C. Baker are controlling members of Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC.
- Represents securities owned directly by Baker Bros. Investments II, L.P. a limited partnership of which the sole general partner is Baker (5) Bros. Capital, L.P., a limited partnership of which the sole general partner is Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC. Felix J. Baker and Julian C. Baker are controlling members of Baker Bros. Capital (GP), LLC.

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