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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TANG KEVIN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/02/2009

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title below)

4401 EASTGATE MALL

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA]

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Person

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Security

(Instr. 3)

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

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

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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	Derivative Security				or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.16	01/02/2009	A		12,500		<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2019	Common Stock	12,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.16	01/02/2009	A		5,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2019	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.16	01/02/2009	A		2,500		<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2019	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TANG KEVIN C							
4401 EASTGATE MALL	X	X					
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121							

Signatures

/s/ Kevin C.
Tang

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/06/2009

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).
- (1) Immediately exercisable, subject to the right of repurchase on behalf of the Issuer that lapses one year after the Transaction Date.

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