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FORM 4

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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 *
Johnson Craig A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4939 DIRECTORS PLACE
(Street)
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 07/01/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,000 A | \$ 12.16 2,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/01/2011 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,523 D | \$ 26.1336 477 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/01/2011 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 477 D | \$ 26.5988 0 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.16 | 07/01/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ 01/01/2019 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Johnson Craig A 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Christian Waage Attorney-in-fact for Craig A. Johnson
 Date: 07/05/2011

**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).
- (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 March 24, 2011.
- (2) The range of sales prices received was \$25.41 to \$26.40. 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) The range of sales prices received was \$26.51 to \$26.68. 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.
- (4) Immediately exercisable, subject to a right of repurchase on behalf of the Issuer that lapsed one year from the grant date.

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