

Quart Barry D  
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 \*  
Quart Barry D

(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)

12/08/2010

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)

President and CEO

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/16/2010		G	V 5,000 D \$ 0	37,202 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000 A \$ 3.9	57,202	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2010		S <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000 D \$ 21.9196 <sup>(3)</sup>	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	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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