

TANG KEVIN C
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
TANG KEVIN C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4401 EASTGATE MALL
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2008

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 | 12/17/2008 | | P | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 11.14 | 3,320,112 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 196,294 | I ⁽²⁾ | As Trustee ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15,089 | D ⁽³⁾ | |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Warrants | \$ 11.14 | 12/17/2008 | | P | 39,163 | 06/17/2009 | 12/18/2013 | Common Stock | 39,163 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TANG KEVIN C 4401 EASTGATE MALL SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | X | X | | |
| TANG CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC 4401 EASTGATE MALL SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | X | | |
| TANG CAPITAL PARTNERS LP 4401 EASTGATE MALL SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | X | | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Kevin C. Tang | 12/19/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Kevin C. Tang, Managing Member | 12/19/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Kevin C. Tang, as Managing Member of Tang Capital Management, LLC, General Partner | 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).

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The securities are held by Tang Capital Partners, LP. Kevin C. Tang is the sole manager of Tang Capital Management, LLC, which is the (1) general partner of Tang Capital Partners, LP. Mr. Tang disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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The securities are owned by Kevin C. Tang as custodian for his minor children, as Trustee of the Tang Family Trust and as Trustee of the

(2) Tang Advisors, LLC Profit Sharing Plan, for which Mr. Tang serves as Trustee and in which he is a participant. Mr. Tang disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) The securities are owned by Kevin C. Tang's IRA.

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