

MANHARD KIMBERLY  
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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 \*  
MANHARD KIMBERLY

(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)

06/19/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP, Regulatory & Dev Ops

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	06/19/2012		M		4,375 A \$ 5.95	14,575 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	06/19/2012		M		2,906 A \$ 14.95	17,481	D
Common Stock	06/19/2012		M		5,548 A \$ 15.69	23,029	D
Common Stock	06/19/2012		S		12,829 D \$ 31.96	10,200	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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.95	06/19/2012		M	4,375	<u>(2)</u> 07/25/2017	Common Stock	4,375
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.95	06/19/2012		M	2,906	<u>(3)</u> 12/15/2019	Common Stock	2,906
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.69	06/19/2012		M	5,548	<u>(4)</u> 01/01/2018	Common Stock	5,548

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MANHARD KIMBERLY 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			SVP, Regulatory & Dev Ops	

## Signatures

/s/ Kimberly J.  
Manhard

06/20/2012

  \*\*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) Includes 230 shares acquired under the Ardea Biosciences, Inc. 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on June 12, 2012.
- (2) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable on July 26, 2008. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following 3 years.
- (3) The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments beginning one month after the Date of Grant (12/16/09).
- (4) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable on January 1, 2009. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following 3 years.

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