

Beck John W
Form 4
May 18, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Beck John W

(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)

05/16/2011

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, Finance & Operations, CFO

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)
Common Stock	05/16/2011		A ⁽¹⁾	1,500	A \$ 5.85 5,909	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	1,100	D \$ 25.3432 4,809	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	400	D \$ 26.0388 4,409	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2011		A ⁽¹⁾	1,000	A \$ 5.85 5,409	D	
	05/17/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	1,000	D \$ 25 4,409	D	

Common
Stock

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)	\$ 5.85	05/16/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	1,500	⁽⁴⁾ 06/14/2017	Common Stock	1,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.85	05/17/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	1,000	⁽⁴⁾ 06/14/2017	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Beck John W 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			SVP, Finance & Operations, CFO	

Signatures

/s/ John W.
Beck
05/18/2011
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) 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 2, 2010.
- (2) The range of sales prices received was \$25.00 to \$25.93. 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 \$26.00 to \$26.095. 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 on January 2, 2008.

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