

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Baker Biotech Capital (GP), LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

667 MADISON AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY US 10021

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎ | 12/19/2008 | | P | 184,780 A \$ 11.14 | 1,646,964 ⁽³⁾ | I | Through Partnership ⁽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)

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- Represents securities owned directly by 667, L.P. (formerly Baker Biotech Fund I, L.P.), the sole general partner of which is Baker
- (3) Biotech Capital, L.P., a limited partnership the sole general partner of which is Baker Biotech Capital (GP),LLC. Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker are the controlling members of Baker Biotech Capital (GP), LLC.

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