

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4401 EASTGATE MALL  
(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)  
12/17/2008

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)

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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 156,652 A	\$ 11.14 3,320,112	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					196,294	I <sup>(2)</sup>	As Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					15,089	D <sup>(3)</sup>	

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

/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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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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