

Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE
Form 4
December 19, 2008

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 *
**Baker Brothers Life Sciences 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
____X____ 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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎	12/19/2008		P		589,169	A	\$ 11.14	3,193,943 ⁽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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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 Number Shares
Warrants	\$ 11.14	12/19/2008		P		147,292		06/17/2009	12/18/2013	Common Stock	147,292

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP), LLC 667 MADISON AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY US 10021		X		
BAKER FELIX 667 MADISON AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY US 10021		X		
BAKER JULIAN 667 MADISON AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY US 10021		X		

Signatures

/s/ Julian C. Baker, as Managing Member of Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP),
LLC

12/19/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Julian C. Baker 12/19/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person _____ Date _____

/s/ Felix J. Baker 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).

- (1) In addition to Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP), LLC, this Form 4 is being filed jointly by Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker, each of whom has the same business address as Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP), LLC and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in securities owned by it. Because of certain relationships with other security holders of the Issuer, the Reporting Persons are filing solely for informational purposes as if they were members of a group of such shareholders. (Continued in footnote 2).
- (2) However, the Reporting Persons disclaim that they and any other person or persons, in fact constitute a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Rule 13d-5 thereunder or that they are the beneficial owners of securities owned by any such other persons, and each of them disclaims beneficial ownership of securities reported herein except to the extent of

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their pecuniary interest, if any, therein.

- Represents securities owned directly by Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P., the sole general partner of which is Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital, L.P., a limited partnership the sole general partner of which is Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP), LLC. Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker are the controlling members of Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP), LLC.

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