TANG KEVIN C Form 4 September 19, 2008

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading TANG KEVIN C Issuer Symbol Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE [RDEA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Director \_ Other (specify Officer (give title 4401 EASTGATE MALL 09/17/2008 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) c l of (D	))	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	09/17/2008		X	5,700 (1)	A	\$0	3,163,460	I (2)	By LP (2)
Common Stock							196,294	I (3)	As Trustee (3)
Common Stock							15,089	D (4)	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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# $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.85	09/17/2008		X		24,000 (1)	10/10/2003	10/10/2008	Common Stock	24,000				

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Funder Funders	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	09/19/2008			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			
/s/ Kevin C. Tang, Managing Member				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			
/s/ Kevin C. Tang, as Managing Member of Tang Capital Management, LLC, General Partner				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- Tang Capital Partners, LP exercised, in full, a Warrant to purchase 24,000 shares of Common Stock, pursuant to the Warrant's Net Issue Exercise provision. The Warrant had an Exercise Price of \$10.85 per share and based on the terms of the Net Issue Exercise provision, the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock used in the Net Issue Exercise calculation was \$14.23 per share. The Net Issue Exercise resulted in Tang Capital Partners, LP recieving 5,700 shares of Common Stock for no cash consideration.
- The securities are held by Tang Capital Partners, LP. Kevin C. Tang is the sole manager of Tang Capital Management, LLC, which is the general partner of Tang Capital Partners, LP. Mr. Tang disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 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 (3) 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.
- (4) The securities are owned by Kevin C. Tang's IRA.

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