

Krueger Christopher W  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Krueger Christopher 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)  
 05/19/2009

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)  
 SVP & CBO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	05/19/2009		M		2,502	A	\$ 5.2
					7,063 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Common Stock	05/19/2009		S		2,502	D	\$ 15.27
Common Stock	05/20/2009		M		22,498	A	\$ 5.2
Common Stock	05/20/2009		S		22,318	D	\$ 15.0102
Common Stock	05/20/2009		S		180	D	\$ 15.27

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Common Stock 05/20/2009 S 2,500 D \$ 14.81 2,061 D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.2	05/19/2009		M	2,502	<u>(2)</u> 03/20/2017	Common Stock	2,502
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.2	05/20/2009		S	22,498	<u>(2)</u> 03/20/2017	Common Stock	22,498

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Krueger Christopher W 4939 DIRECTORS PLACE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			SVP & CBO	

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher W. Krueger 05/21/2009

\*\*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) Includes an aggregate of 4,561 shares acquired under the Ardea Biosciences, Inc. 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on May 14, 2008 (1,805 shares), November 14, 2008 (942 shares) and May 14, 2009 (1,814 shares).
- (2) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following 3 years.

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