

TANG KEVIN C
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TANG KEVIN C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4401 EASTGATE MALL
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2008

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 11.14	3,320,112	I ⁽¹⁾	By LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					196,294	I ⁽²⁾	As Trustee ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					15,089	D ⁽³⁾	

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

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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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